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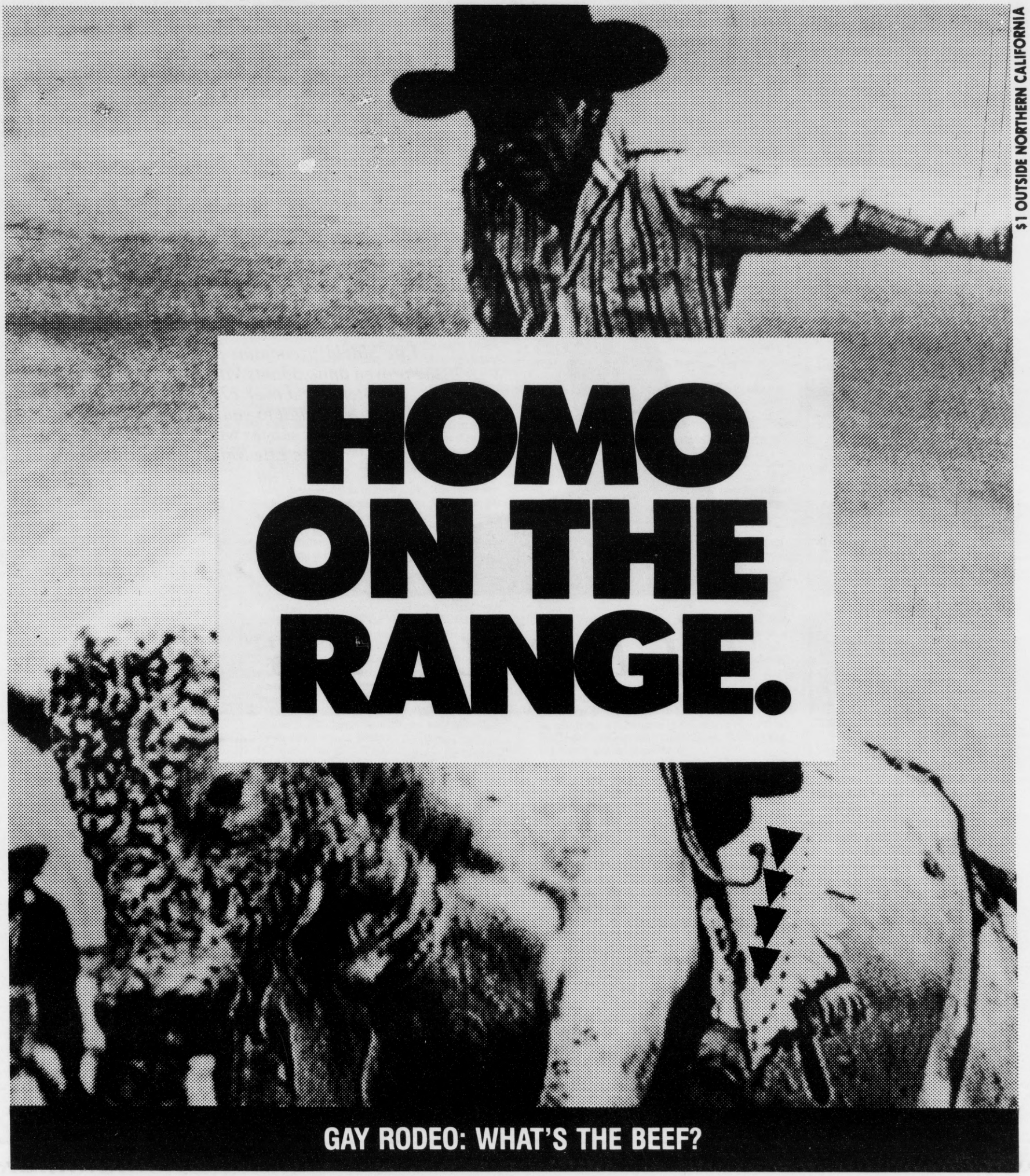

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### Campaign Choices

Ross Perot reassures gays he won't discriminate and, in addition, he appoints a lesbian as coordinator for civil rights for his campaign. These are acts instead of words. Well done!

The Bush/Quayle ad team asked NBC for a large purchase of time, worth more than $30,000,000. Among other things, they've purchased one spot on each of the 17 nights of Olympics coverage. At the same time the AIDS center in San Francisco has to close because of a lack of $90,000. Shame!

Something is wrong in this country. The country needs a change in November.

Thomas Fuchs
San Francisco

### Loves Ethan

Thank you for carrying Ethan Green. I love it!

Brian Bringardner
San Francisco

### Spinelli Responds

*The following letter was sent to all employees of Spinelli Coffee in response to two letters of complaint (*SF Bay Times, *July 2):*

You probably heard that an issue came up regarding facial jewelry. First, let's say right now that nobody is being fired for facial piercing. They never were.

We deal with a public that is rich in its diversity, but to us the common factor is that they are our customers. That makes them extremely important. So when a customer complains or even comments on the behavior or appearance of our staff, we respect their views and consider their opinions. We are fortunate in that the vast majority of their comments praise our staff.

Some negative comments were expressed to us regarding employees' facial jewelry. We took what we considered an enlightened approach and asked for feedback from staff members with facial piercing. We then considered policy and discussed it further. In fact, although we began considering the issue in March, until Monday we did not formalize any policy!

Yet we received letters from people outside the company complaining about our restricting freedom of expression.

Frankly, we don't understand it. Spinelli Coffee Company is a San Francisco organization and as such not only tolerates diversity and free expression, but celebrates it. We are also a business concerned that we present a clean and appealing image and a pleasant atmosphere for customers and employees.

We often refer to ourselves as Team Spinelli and we take it seriously. So, if any of you have questions or concerns direct them to your managers and please give us a chance to respond.

Christopher Calkins
Arnold Spinelli
Spinelli Coffee
San Francisco

### Cheer the Activists

I can never forget the thrill in my friend's voice as he cheered the TV news report of AIDS protesters blocking the Golden Gate Bridge a few years ago. Vince knew that they were fighting for him as he was dying of AIDS. Those activists were—whether they are called ACT UP, Queer Nation, or any other name—and are our frontline soldiers in the fight for both a cure for AIDS and for national health care for all of us.

Randy Shilts' general attack on ACT UP, without citing specific grievances, while he promotes the worthless military, is highly suspect at best. The duty of those of us in the rear guard is to provide a strong base for those at the barricades. That strong base requires both verbal support and money, and that money can only be obtained by shutting down the military and transferring its entire budget to all social service departments, and for a massive, government-funded, nonprofit, research program to find a cure for AIDS.

Lee Heller
San Francisco

### Make Them Ride

"Don't agonize. Organize!"

There's a very important San Francisco initiative being circulated right now, which would make it mandatory city policy that all city officials and employees ride public transportation to work at least twice a week! That includes the Mayor on down through the supervisors, all Muni executives, police officers and hard-to-reach bureaucrats.

It did not take me too long to figure out that this policy will be a very powerful step toward making our buses safe and convenient to ride—as they were many years ago. The environmental and traffic implications are also wonderful to contemplate.

This initiative is being circulated by some very dedicated folks called "Take Back San Francisco." Call 777-3687, give your address and they'll send you a petition to circulate. But hurry, their deadline is July 20.

L. Kreizer
San Francisco

### Qual-Med's Tactics

I'd like to make a few additions to Tim Kingston's article on the Qual-Med HMO's treatment of subscribers with AIDS. Qual-Med's practices get particularly odious near the end stage of disease. They attempt to hurry patients into hospices and have sent social workers to families urging hospice care without the knowledge of the patient or his physician. Once in hospice, Qual-Med refuses to pay for all interventional care—the most glaring example is denial of DHPG for CMV retinitis. If the patient lives long enough, he goes blind in a Qual-Med hospice. No wonder anyone would be reluctant to enter a Qual-Med-controlled AIDS care facility.

A phone zap has been organized for Monday, July 20. I urge all concerned *SF Bay Times* readers to call Qual-Med: (800) 372-8200 or (510) 287-4572. Demand no segregation of HIV-positive members and that they pay for all treatment prescribed by their member physicians and specialists. Medical Director Stanley Padilla is the person responsible for denying treatments and he can be reached at (510) 287-4626.

By the way, Qual-Med's profits in 1991 were $18 million, which they will use to buy Health-Net rather than provide an acceptable community standard of care. The Patient's Union can be reached at (510) 547-7538.

John Iversen
Qual-Med HIV Patient's Union
Alameda County AIDS Advisory Board
ACT UP/East Bay

### Thanks to Bike-A-Thon

On behalf of the entire staff and board of directors of 18th Street Services, as well as the men who receive services here, I wanted to express our gratitude to the organizers of the 8th AIDS Bike-A-Thon.

For the second time in three years, 18th Street Services was honored to be chosen as one of the beneficiaries of the event, and the money we received is being put to immediate use in continuing one of the nation's best outpatient substance abuse counseling programs for gay and bisexual men of all ages and all colors, as well as assisting our HIV/Substance Abuse Prevention Outreach Program, which is the largest in San Francisco.

18th Street Services is well aware that substance abuse treatment is critical HIV prevention as well as a positive health care maintenance step for those living with HIV infection.

We were very fortunate to have staff, volunteers and riders help our agency and the event. Their efforts made all the difference and were greatly appreciated.

Lastly, for all the people who pledged and donated money to 18th Street Services, we want to publicly thank you for your generosity.

Stephen Manning
Executive Director
18th Street Services
San Francisco

### Lesbian Fest Invisibility?

Why didn't you review the First Annual West Coast Lesbian Festival?

Hot music, hot sand and hot women—how could you pass it up? Held in Malibu, this festival was lovingly produced, inclusive of a wide variety of dykes, and smooth-running. The entire weekend was about lesbians giving voice—expressing lesbian strength, lesbian creativity, lesbian courage and lesbian love. I need this in my life and I know other dykes do too.

The producers, Particular Productions (510) 763-9228, say they'll do it again next June. So look for the Second Annual West Coast Lesbian Festival.

Judy Helfand
San Francisco

### ACT UP Misrepresented

An article by Lisa Krieger in the July 1 edition of the *Examiner*, concerning a Burroughs-Wellcome grant for AIDS research, is very misleading and contains factual errors.

The headline stated, "Drug firm donates $1 million to ACT UP," and later in the article is the assertion that "ACT UP received a $1 million gift from Burroughs-Wellcome." However, the article later says that "the donation will pay for community-based AIDS research." The fact is that none of this money will go to, or was intended for, ACT UP, but will go directly and entirely to AmFAR (American Foundation for AIDS Research).

There is no national ACT UP organization, as readers of the story might have been led to believe. ACT UP's background is as a grassroots, community-based, activist group that has organized in different ways in many locations. Neither ACT UP/New York, nor their occasional spokesperson Peter Staley, represent ACT UP as a national movement. In fact, Peter Staley is part of a group that broke off from ACT UP/New York over ideological and tactical differences. ACT UP nationwide does not have "connections" to the drug industry, government and legislators. While the people who have those connections make significant contributions, they do not represent ACT UP.

The purpose of ACT UP is to stop AIDS, and the purpose of the pharmaceutical industry is to make a profit from AIDS. This is far from the common goal that Peter Staley seems to see.

One million dollars is hardly "giving up control" on the part of Burroughs-Wellcome, whose AZT sales totaled $315 million last year. It is barely a drop in the bucket.

ACT UP is committed to nonviolent direct action. As a movement we do not embrace the Malcolm X credo, "By any means necessary."

The article states that the business of ACT UP requires cash. What money is needed, however, we are perfectly capable of raising without taking money from pharmaceutical companies.

Jim Driscoll of ACT UP/Golden Gate is quoted in the article referring to "professional activists" and describing how ACT UP was once "innocent people expressing their outrage." This discounts the work and purpose of thousands of ACT UP and other activists who are still "innocent [informed] people expressing their outrage," and implies that only phone calls, and not other forms of street-based direct action, get things done. This characterization is classist and elitist, goes against much of what ACT UP across the country does, and is simply not true.

Cayenne
ACT UP/San Francisco

### Offensive Cards

I wanted to bring to your attention a disturbing incident that occurred during Gay Pride Day.

My girlfriend and I spent a great day at the parade and decided to hang out in the Castro afterward. We were still full of pride and encouragement from the wonderful speeches and entertainment, and we were excited to see so many gay and lesbian people together.

We were rather shocked when we saw some of the cards being sold in the male section of Headlines. One had a photo of two women from behind, wearing only G-strings, and it read: "A woman will suck your cock for a drink, just make sure it's hard." There were several of this kind.

Seeing these cards I was not only offended, but also surprised and confused. I believed I was in a progressive store in a gay neighborhood and could not understand why such sexist material would be sold there.

When I inquired, the woman behind the counter told me that the store caters to all kinds of people, including straight men. When I asked why that should make a difference in the choice of material that puts down women, she said that if I didn't like it I didn't have to shop there.

Later that day I called the store and talked to the assistant manager, who happened to be the same woman. I asked her whether she finds such material insulting and she said, "No, it's just a card." I asked her if she would suck someone's cock for a drink, and she hung up on me. Obviously, she was insulted.

I am disturbed by the store's offensive material and the lack of concern on the part of the assistant manager. I am also offended by her response. I have patronized Headlines for years.

Like other forms of media, cards are a powerful form of expression. They convey ideas and attitudes and shape our opinions and behavior. Such cards are sending a message that we women are sexually available to any man who buys us a drink. Cards that put down people on the basis of their sex, race, class or sexual orientation have no place anywhere.

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# HOMO ON THE RANGE.

***by Tommi Avicolli Mecca***

Depending on whom you believe, the upcoming gay rodeo here in San Francisco is either a scourge on the queer body politic or harmless entertainment. There's no lack of passion on either side of this issue.

The rodeo, sponsored by the Bay Area chapter of the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association, and supported by Miller Beer, will be picketed by animal rights activists, many of whom will be from the gay/lesbian/bisexual community, when it kicks off on July 24 near China Basin. Already, "Boycott the Gay Rodeo" posters are hanging in the Castro, and letters have begun appearing in the queer press, including *SF Bay Times*, denouncing the event as exploitation of animals.

For the critics of gay rodeo, the issue is simple: Rodeos are cruel to animals, no matter how you clean them up, no matter how many vets are on hand to tend the wounded, no matter how gently or humanely you get the horses to buck. Dragging a calf through the dirt can't be justified, they say, even if a breakaway rope is used and the ordeal only lasts eight seconds.

According to the gay rodeo people, theirs is a different ball game than what the straight cowboys play. They claim that their treatment of animals is indeed more humane, that a vet is present at all times, and that gentler means (certainly not electric prods and straps) are used to get the horses to buck. And they feel a breakaway rope makes a difference.

But beyond the cruelty issues raised by the rodeo is the fact that, though the event is billed as an AIDS fundraiser, the beneficiaries are a well-kept secret: gay rodeo organizers aren't telling, and a sampling of four local outfits didn't help.

## THE CASE AGAINST

Eric Mills, an openly gay man who coordinates the Fund for Animals, which he founded in 1982, says he "feels crappy picking on other gays." He has nothing personal against gay rodeo people, but he feels they're engaged in a "dominance trip— it's the strong against the weak."

"I'd like to see the rodeo off the face of the planet. I'd like to see animal abuse off the face of the earth," Mills says over drinks at Bagdad Cafe on a sunny Friday morning. It's hot outside already, but Mills' passion for the plight of rodeo animals makes the air around our table even steamier.

Mills, a recognized national spokesperson for animal rights, has just returned from testifying before the U.S. House of Representatives' Agriculture subcommittee, which is examining the treatment of animals at rodeos. He also, with longtime lesbian activist Sally Gearhart, co-coordinates Gays and Friends for Animal Rights, which marches in the annual Gay Freedom Day Parade.

Hailing from a farm in Kentucky, Mills moved to California in 1966 and immediately became involved with environmental issues. He later volunteered for animal rights groups.

Mills runs off his list of problems with the gay rodeo. Even when the event is "benevolent," he says, it's still stressful to animals; transportation is rough on them; there's often inadequate vet care, food, water; and even when there are no injuries, there can sometimes be fear and trauma for the animals.

Mills says it is "impossible to have a humane rodeo. Every humane organization is opposed to rodeos." For Mills, cleaning up the rodeo is like cleaning up slavery.

Currently pending in Sacramento is legislation Mills drafted, mandating that all rodeos have a vet present. He worries that his queerness may be used against the bill, AB 1660, which comes up before the Senate Appropriations Committee on Aug. 3. Already, the legislation has been weakened with amendments that only require the state's 100-plus sanctioned and 250-plus amateur rodeos to have on-site vets.

## FEMINIST P.O.V.

Batya Bauman, of Feminists For Animal Rights in New York City, takes a more theoretical stance against rodeos in general. She feels they symbolize "not only the dominance of animals, but also the dominance of nature.

"Patriarchy is a hierarchal system of dominance," Bauman says. "It works for the powerful and willing against the powerless and unwilling. Where more do you see that than in a rodeo?"

Bauman, who is a lesbian, says that 80 percent of the animal rights activists in the country are women. "Boys take the credit, boys make the speeches, but women are doing the work," she says. It's also a movement that attracts a lot of gay men and lesbians.

The gay rodeo, Bauman feels, has a lot to do with "leather culture, dominance and submission." She says that the great majority of gay men, however, are "gentle people and do not like rodeos."

Ed Stewart, co-director of the Performing Animal Welfare Society, says that he "can't believe there is a gay rodeo. A lot of people I know who are gay are in the gay rights movement, and they're caring people."

## EX-RODEO RIDER

Longtime lesbian activist Sally Gearhart is a former rodeo horse-barrel racer. That's the only event women were allowed to participate in on the rodeo circuit during the 12 years she spent in Texas, from 1956-68.

Now Gearhart, a retired San Francisco State professor, says she hasn't been able to ride a horse for 15 years, because she's not convinced the animal gives consent to be "broken" or "trained." Consent is her main issue with the rodeo.

"I judge that animals do not consent because they resist being broken," Gearhart says. "They do not like to be thrown down, they run away... They don't seem to want to do what we want them to do."

Gearhart's a fan of the culture that surrounds the rodeo. "I love everything about that culture except its mistreatment of animals," she says. "I think we could have hoedowns...all kinds of things without the rodeo." It's something Mills believes, too.

For Gearhart, the issue is simple. "It seems to me that people who are oppressed should have sensitivity to what it's like not to give approval or to participate freely in society," she says.

## NO HARD STATS

Steven Simmons of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) says that unfortunately there aren't "many hard stats in terms of the number of animals" hurt or killed at rodeos due to "poor regulations and record-keeping."

While there is no legislation to ban rodeos, Simmons says, there are states considering everything from requiring a vet to be present to outlawing such devices as buck straps and electric prods, often used in the chute to rile the animals so that they'll charge out and buck.

PETA would be "in favor of the outright ban on rodeos," but the organization is taking more of a grassroots approach to build support for such legislation, Simmons says.

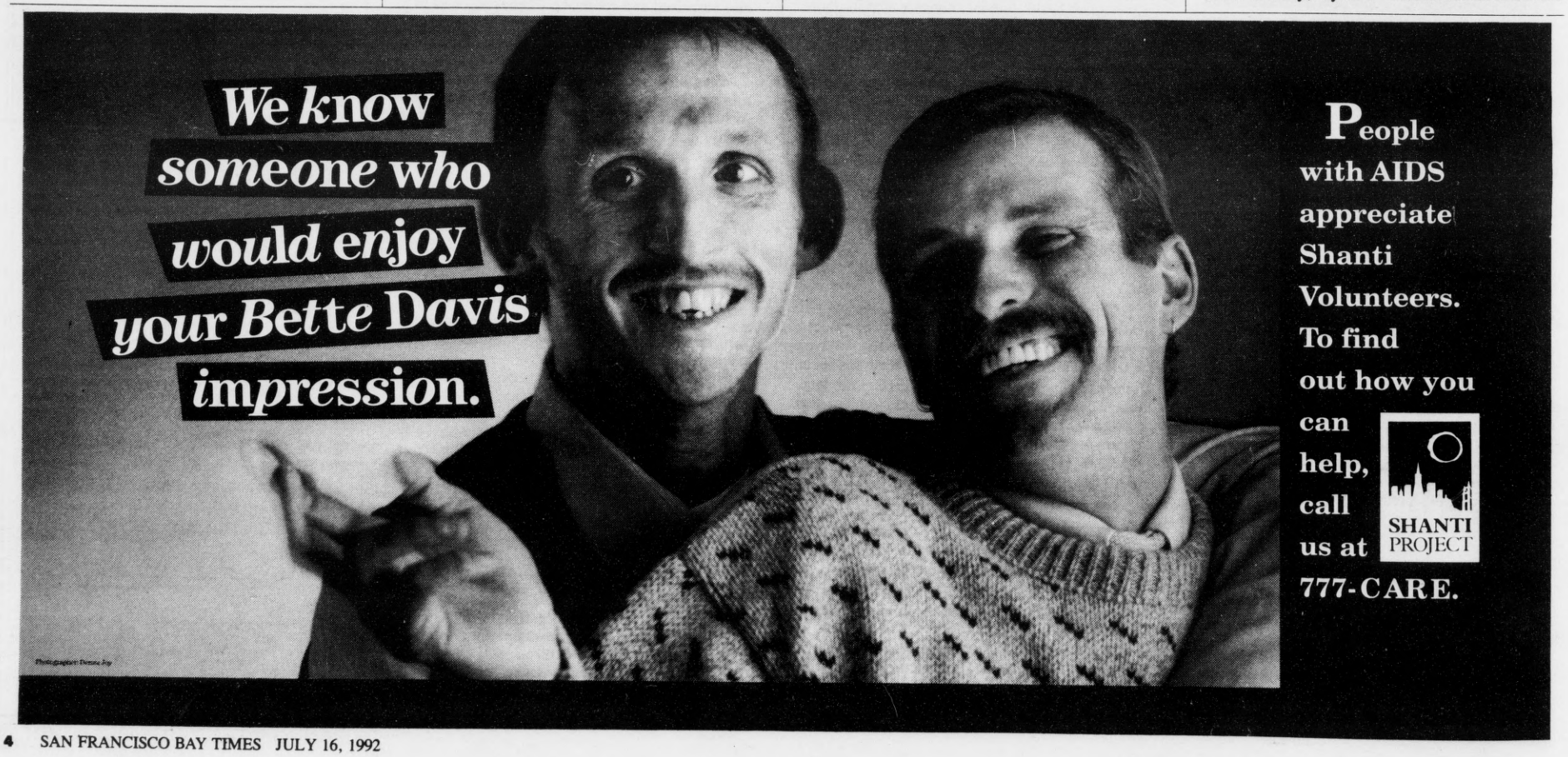
But while PETA can't supply stats, the Department of Animal Control Services for the Peninsula Humane Society in San Mateo has a list of injuries at Daly City's Cow Palace rodeo, from 1985-90. The injuries, reported by humane officers, include a horse cutting its eye while bucking, bulls hurt from stun guns, and a right rear leg injury on a calf during team roping.

In 1985, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association issued a statement saying, "It is not possible for the profession to positively embrace the practices which are an integral part of rodeos." Even farm worker activist Cesar Chavez, in a 1990 letter to Fund for Animals, says that, "Racism, economic deprival, dogfighting and cockfighting, bullfighting and rodeos are cut from the same fabric: violence."

The *Bay Area Reporter*, in a July 2 editorial headline, summed up perfectly the sentiment of many animal rights activists: "Lasso the Rodeo." The paper has only received two responses thus far: one from the gay rodeo folks, which ran as an op-ed piece in the July 9 issue, and the other from a reader, according to Assistant Editor David O'Connor.

Editor Jeff Boswell says the editorial was his position and not that of Publisher Bob Ross, who's "not happy with it."

"But as it ran, it basically stands as the position of the paper," he says. "We're not going to back down from it." Boswell, who's also anti-meat industry, says it's "ridiculous that in this era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gay people are doing this.''

## CURIOUSER & CURIOUSER

When one begins calling around to AIDS organizations, the question of where the money is going gets curiouser and curiouser. Three of the four AIDS organizations contacted initially knew nothing about gay rodeo funds going to them.

Deputy director Melinda Paras says that Shanti Project is ''not involved in the event. We were invited at some point, but we turned it down.'' Not for the obvious reason, but because the group's fundraising schedule was already booked. Since the calendar was full, the group never had to take an official stand on the rodeo. Shanti got into hot water with animal rights activists a few years ago when it sponsored a circus fundraiser.

Danny Sauro of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation says that his organization's calendar was also booked when rodeo people called. ''They came to us at the busiest time—just before the pride parade and the AIDS Walk,'' he says. So the foundation agreed only to post a notice in the hotline office. ''We didn't send out a letter or actively recruit volunteers,'' says Sauro. ''The other issue [animal rights] didn't come up. It never got that far.''

Dorothy Wong, director of the Asian AIDS Project, echoed the sentiments of both Shanti and the AIDS Foundation: ''We're not a recipient.''

A worker at the Latino Community AIDS Education and Prevention Project, who asked that her name not be used, says, ''We don't know exactly if we are going to participate or not...We received a letter.'' Since the director was not in, this worker referred *SF Bay Times* to Juan DelGabo, who handles gay concerns for the group, but he knew nothing about the rodeo.

## GAY RODEO POSITION

The gay rodeo organizers insist that theirs is a humane amateur event with a vet on board at all times.

Michael Callery, rodeo director for the Bay Area chapter of the gay rodeo, says his outfit doesn't follow the rules of the professional cowboys organization. ''We firmly believe in taking care of the animals,'' he says.

He runs through the list of rodeo events, explaining how each one is much more humane than its straight counterpart. In calf-roping, for instance, Callery says, a breakaway rope is used to prevent injury to the animal. The spurs used in the gay rodeo have blunted rowls, and the bucking straps objected to by animal rights activists are put around the steer's waist and not its genitals. ''It's a tickle, that's all it is,'' he says.

In the gay rodeo's version of bull dogging, according to Callery, the animal and rider start out together in the chute ''dead even,'' rather than the traditional method of having the cowboy or -girl chase the steer after it is released.

Unlike its straight version, the gay rodeo allows women to participate in all events. ''The organization is built around the idea of all people being welcomed,'' Callery says. ''No one's turned away.''

Callery, who's not paid for his work with the rodeo, has answers for questions even before they're asked; he knows the objections of the animal rights people by heart. He even adds, ''I'm equally horrified at what is being done to veal,'' referring to how calves are raised under the most inhumane conditions to make their meat palatable to the American diet.

According to Callery, three people check out the animals at the gay rodeo. ''The animals are fed and watered; why would someone not do it?'' he asks. Their participation in the rodeo amounts to ''an eight-second ride,'' he says, two or three times a day, ''less than one minute'' total.

Animals in the gay rodeo are not subjected to prods, electric or otherwise, but buck because ''someone's on their back,'' Callery says. ''They're not coaxed or coached.''

Callery says that for many horses, being cared for in a rodeo is a better fate than dying on the prairie from starvation. As for the injuries, he says, some animals ''hurt themselves.''

''I've seen more human injuries,'' Callery says.

The first gay rodeo was held in Reno about ten years ago, according to Callery. The first California chapter formed eight years ago in Los Angeles; the Bay Area chapter in 1987. The International Gay Rodeo Association has a national corporate sponsor's contract with Miller Brewing Company. But the company doesn't pay for the production of the event, only for things like buckles and advertising.

''We're not attached to any bar owner, bar or organization,'' Callery says, dispelling rumors that Ray Chalker, publisher of the *Sentinel* and owner of the Rawhide II, has connections with the event.

Callery denies that the gay rodeo is ''emulating'' any particular ethic or ideology. ''It's something we grew up with,'' he says. Coming from upstate New York, Callery grew up on farms and in rural areas. ''Most of the people on the rodeo circuit grew up with the rodeo,'' he says.

He also admits that many people come to the rodeo to socialize. But he doesn't feel people would just come for the hoedowns and other social events, as Gearhart and Mills believe.

As for why he likes the rodeo, Callery says, ''I enjoy it. I've grown up around horses and cattle.'' While talking about his experiences with farms and animals, Callery gets ''choked up'' about his horse, Jack, his ''best friend.''

## AIDS MONEY

According to Callery, money will be divided up among AIDS organizations that send volunteers. The amount will be determined by the number of hours the volunteers work.

But he won't say which organizations are sending volunteers and which are refusing, because of the controversy generated by the *B.A.R.* editorial and the fear of protests by animal rights activists. ''Most of them asked us not to use their names,'' he admits.

Callery understands how the AIDS organizations feel. ''We have been trying hard to work with people,'' he says. ''We're not an organization that wants to get into bitch fights.'' But he knows that rodeo people and animal rights activists are never going to agree, ''because they've decided that rodeo and any use of animals is slavery.''

The *B.A.R.* editorial also hurt the rodeo by inspiring ''a lot of phone calls,'' most of them ''obscene,'' Callery says. He regrets that the gay rodeo has become a political issue.

Says Callery—and this seems to be his bottom line—''Organizations that stand to benefit have to assess whether it's politically correct to accept a check from us.''

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**by Adam Block**

Maybe it really is about "conga lines." I'm just a little confused. It's Tuesday afternoon—day two of the Democratic National Convention, and San Francisco Supervisor Carole Migden is talking strategy.

"It's hard," she admits. "Yesterday we had a six-hour opening session and not one of the speakers used the words 'gay' or 'lesbian.' I think the phrase "sexual orientation" went by, and only some of us heard it," she grins wryly.

"I hope tonight will be better," she nods. "Roberta will be presenting part of the platform, which is the day-to-day stuff. Then we'll have Bob Hattoy, a gay PWA on Clinton's staff, and Elizabeth Glaser, the PWA mom."

Migden frets over the scheduling. "There's a march this afternoon, a reception for Barney Frank, and a large New York gay/lesbian party—which overlap—so, people's loyalties are being shredded apart. But we'll make an effort to raise lesbian and gay rights signs to support our portions of the program.

"I think we have a real opportunity on Wednesday night, though—during prime time," continues Migden. "We're planning a visibility action: a conga line. We've got five congas, and after Cuomo's nominating speech we want to snake through the convention. It's a perfect way to shine a light on gay and lesbian issues."

There are 104 openly gay and lesbian delegates at the convention, and should they all join in and bunny-hop through the melee, I'm not totally clear about how that will advance our agenda. But I'm here to learn.

"It was very successful in 1986," Migden assures me.

This convention is a landmark in queer politics in this country. Out delegates, journalists and elected officials are here in unprecedented numbers. Keep in mind, though, that the convention has assembled nearly 5,000 delegates, 5,000 guests, and 15,000 members of the press. Though visible and vocal, we're woefully outnumbered. The real question is how effectively queers make their presence felt—behind the scenes in shaping the agenda, and in front of the TV cameras, as members of the party.

Gay activist Davis Mixner, who put together Bill Clinton's high-ticket gay fundraiser in Los Angeles, noted, "You've got to understand that four years ago, we couldn't get Mike Dukakis to say the word 'gay' or 'lesbian'—he said the word AIDS once or twice."

But Clinton promised Roberta Achtenberg a slot at the podium and vowed that a gay PWA would address the convention. It might be a dull coronation, but the Clinton campaign seemed committed to treating us as more than shirttail relations.

On Sunday afternoon, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, and the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund threw a party for the queer conventioneers at B. Smith's—an unassuming nightclub near Times' Square. A slew of queer politicians and allies offered remarks.

Mayor Dinkins arrived from the Apollo Theater in Harlem, explaining that he'd had to choose five parties out of 60, and this one was a priority.

Barney Frank, who could singlehandedly retire the stereotype of gay men as fashion-plates, appeared in a brown polyester suit and a pair of black dress shoes so shot a homeless dude would toss them back in the trash. Frank recalled the meager gay delegation in 1986, "when I was still in the closet," and urged the assembled to take pride in their accomplishments. "This ticket is more supportive of our issues than any before in the history of America. In fact, I'd be inclined to make that global," he gushed.

Carole; Roberta; Navy rebel Tracy Thorne; and New York's openly gay, seropositive member of the city council, Tom Dwayne, were introduced. Oregon governor Barbra Roberts (locked in a battle against the OCA) got a powerful oration.

Florida delegate Jack Campbell—the porcine bathhouse entrepreneur—was given a T-shirt in recognition of his generosity. On the front looms the Democratic jackass bucking over the line: This Is Your Mind. On the back, a Republican elephant grazes over: This Is Your Mind On Drugs. With a ticket featuring an acknowleged college pot head in Al Gore, and Bill "I would've inhaled if I'd been able" Clinton—the shirt seemed a touch inappropriate. And besides, didn't Campbell make his first fortune on poppers?

Despite the unanimous Clinton-boosting amongst the pols, there were a couple of naysayers in the crowd. ACT UP gadfly Mike Petralis was circulating a broadside headlined: Clinton = Homo Foe, excoriating the candidate for his inaction as attorney general and governor of Arkansas in opposing a viciously homophobic sodomy statute enacted during his tenure. *Nation* editor Andrew Kopkind glanced at the sheet and shrugged, "Of course, he's right—and this ticket has got to be defeated. If they win with this 'Southern strategy,' it'll be a disaster for the party as any kind of progressive force." After Kopkind vowed he'd never vote for them, I asked if he'd voted for Dukakis?

He blushed and stammered, "Well, yes," with a helpless grin. Somehow, I figured even Petralis may end up voting for Clinton.

The Convention opened the following evening at 6 pm. It is such a telegenic event that the best way to watch it is at home, on TV. You'll miss less. For the first three hours, delegates seemed to wander around all but oblivious to events on the podium. The one bright spot was grandma Ann Richards, whose easy charm succeeded in making Barbra Boxer and Dianne Feinstein sound wooden and contrived. It was truly sad to hear both of them make it through their texts without using the G or L words.

One convention employee swore that he saw Jerry Brown just off the floor, popping a pill at the height of Monday night's tension, and, as an aide urged him to join his troops, he demurred, chanting spookily, "I'm chillin'," over and over. When a gay 24-year-old Brown delegate from Utah heard this account, he nodded, "I think he could really commit political suicide when he does speak. I think the guy is standing on the edge of an abyss."

Tuesday, a march against AIDS had been scheduled by a large coalition of organizations. The march was to leave Columbus Circle at 1 pm, and march to a rally in Times Square at 3 pm. Organizers had predicted 50,000 marchers, but were happy with 10,000. ACT UP had threatened to pull out. They feared the march would be too festive and mainstream. They feared that homophobia would be softpedaled as a root cause of the epidemic.

I ran into writer Charles Kaiser, who was marching with legendary activist Ann Northrup. Kaiser related, "You know, [novelist] David Leavitt says this is the first presidential team he's ever wanted to see in bed together." I never realized Leavitt was a chubby chaser.

I talked with Tom Dwayne. He noted how appalling it was that New York has only one lesbian delegate and no gay men. He noted, "I felt kind of invisible at the convention last night. It seemed like no one could say 'gay' or 'lesbian.' They've got to learn those words. It would be nice if they'd include us in the Democratic party tent."

Tuesday was the night they were due to, and Carole was right—it's a real improvement. Roberta looked great. She called for a national strategy grounded in justice, noting, "AIDS policy proves that we have not valued the lives of gay men." She called for the "protection of the civil rights of gay men and lesbians." She used the G-word and the L-word. She said, "Leaders are scapegoating people like me, and families like mine with the accusation that we are destroying America." The camera showed a sign demanding "Lesbian & Gay Rights."

Later, when Aretha Franklin had illuminated "The Star Spangled Banner," Bob Hattoy came out and spoke to a hushed house. Clinton's 40-year-old environmental advisor (a former activist with the Sierra Club) was diagnosed during the Oregon primary. Hattoy said, "The gay and lesbian community is a family." He talked about a sitting president "who sees me as the enemy."

After Hattoy, Elizabeth Glaser talked about her daughter, "who did not survive the Reagan era. I am here because I and my son may not survive four more years of leaders who say they care—but do nothing." By the end of her speech, red-rimmed eyes of delegates filled TV screens, as the two received an extended standing ovation.

That night, I talked with Michael Nelson, a 24-year-old gay Clinton delegate from North Carolina. I asked him what had impressed him most during his stay in New York. He shook his head and whistled with a slight drawl, "Tonite man—those three: Aretha Franklin, the emotion pouring out of her, and then both of those speakers with AIDS. I don't know how anyone could hear that and not be moved. It left one straight woman in our delegation speechless."

I wonder what she'll make of that cobra line. As we go to press, I'm waiting, nearly breathless, to see it for myself.

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## Republicans, Rebels, and Ross

On the campaign trail, Ross Perot has tried to backpedal from his negative press with lesbians and gays by quietly meeting with hand-picked leaders in Los Angeles, Boston, Washington, D.C., and Seattle. Some Dallas gay leaders hosted a meeting Monday, July 6, between presidential hopeful Perot and a group assembled to represent the national lesbian and gay community. Perot's political trail led this way after his interview with Barbara Walters in which he stated he would not nominate a known lesbian or gay to a cabinet post.

Ostensibly, the meeting represented an opportunity for Perot to redeem himself; for the Dallas lesbian and gay leadership to shine as national movers and shakers. One Dallas community leader revealed that several leaders were flown in by Perot, and private contributions and funds were spent by the groups represented for this occasion. So what's wrong with that? Not one of the attendees was a person of color. Not one of the attendees asked, "What's wrong with this picture?" When asked after the meeting about the omission of people of color, one of the Republicans said: "Well, I thought we represented everybody, and we did a good job!"

Is it that they just don't get it, or was this just another Texas twister that came out on target? Arguably, only certain lesbian and gay leaders are interested in meeting with Perot, anyway. Perot has an arduous task before him in warming up a less-than-receptive lesbian and gay mainstream. Among those in attendance, however (along with wife, Margot, proven ally Morton Meyerson and his son, David), were: John Thomas, Executive Director of the Dallas Gay Alliance; Mike Grossman, Human Rights Campaign Fund; Paul Von Wuppersield, Andy Smith and Robert Brown of Log Cabin; John Gooding, San Francisco Perot Campaign; The Rev. Dusty Pruitt, MCC Long Beach; Cheryl Sommerfield, the famous ex-Cracker Barrel employee; Peri Jude-Radecic, National Lesbian and Gay Task Force-WDC; Claudia Brenner, the surviving camper from the attack in Pennsylvania on two lesbian campers; Gloria Allred, Los Angeles attorney; and Debra Olson, Los Angeles Perot campaign.

Grossman said of the meeting, "The Perot people called the meeting. We made an effort to present a cross-section of people in our community. We submitted a list of 15 names, and the Perot people selected. It just sort of happened. The meeting was scheduled to be with Perot staff, and national lesbian and gay leaders, not activists. We let the women tell their stories first. Claudia spoke about being a victim of hate crimes. Dusty talked about being discharged from the military. Cheryl talked about being fired from Cracker Barrel. The meeting was not scheduled to be with Ross Perot. Perot showed up unexpectedly." After further questioning, Grossman did concede that he had bet Thomas that "Perot would show."

Grossman indicated the idea for the meeting grew out of a meeting that he and five other Dallas gay leaders had with Perot people. The six leaders are all "establishment, very upscale Anglo men and women who are part of the Dallas gay upper crust," according to Tom Neal, co-chair, GLAAD/Dallas. Neal had requested that GLAAD/Dallas be invited to the Perot meeting, but did not receive a response. Neal, who also sits on the National Steering Committee of GLAAD/USA, pointed out that GLAAD's participation as a national organization had not been sought. Neither had the participation of local or other people of color, when it became clear invitations were being accepted by whites only. "Some of the names on that original list were people of color and PWAs," said Grossman. Isn't it funny how when meetings are planned by the A-list, they always turn out all-white like that? What a coincidence! And what bullshit!

Pat Norman, co-chair of the 1987 March on Washington, and a longtime activist, observed, "To leave us out is unthinkable. I wonder why no one was contacted from any of the national organizations with people of color who work with national issues every day: the National Lesbian and Gay Black Leadership Forum, the National Association of Black and White Men Together. Perhaps they felt we would speak about the wrong issues. We embarrass the lesbian and gay community by pointing out the racism in our own community. But our needs and desires should have been at the top of this list."

The responses to the Perot gambit into lesbian and gay sensibilities have been wide-ranging. Perot appointed Debra Olson as his liaison to the lesbian and gay community. Perot has not been any more specific in his statements on lesbian and gay issues than he has on the rest of the country's ills. On gay rights: "What people do in their own private lives is their own business." On AIDS: "We must expedite the FDA process of clearing promising experimental drugs to combat AIDS." On hate crimes: "Any violence based on ethnicity, race, religion or sexual orientation should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law."

Grossman commented, "Though Perot's statement does not address the military issues I wanted it to say and expected it to say, it was a positive meeting. To have two presidential candidates knocking on our door is a milestone." Tom Neal observed, "We were disappointed that GLAAD was not included in this meeting, and even more so [that] the voices of people of color, who too often end up being expendable [were excluded]. Nothing new has been learned. You can't break down barriers without getting to know each other. And whites can't go on thinking they can represent everybody else in the community."

*We let the women tell their stories first.*

### RACISM REPARTEE

On another matter, I would like to thank Walter Breen for his response (*SF Bay Times*, July 2) to "Oppression and Consequences" (*SF Bay Times*, June 18). So often we (myself included) read something we like/dislike and don't bother commenting or responding. Breen did comment, but missed several points—especially how *power* configures in all of this. My article covered all that oppression encompasses, but dealt specifically with racism, since it seems to be so popular. If Breen is interested, he might read more on the anti-racism work Mike Smith (and others) contributed to in *Resisting Racism*.

It is not the *ethnic group* that is ambiguous. It is the *power* of nonwhites in the States that is ambiguous. Koreans who were racist in Korea are just prejudiced here because their *power* in the States is ambiguous—*as in not definite, or the same as it is in Korea.*

I still work with Smith's theory in the racism workshops I facilitate because it is direct, simple and true. Smith, a GWM, realized he was closer to power than nonwhites. He also realized he was in a better position to develop a dialogue with other whites about racism. Smith did not feel that his responsibility ended with his self-pronouncement of being politically correct. Sometimes the most simple explanations are the most difficult to accept, especially when the concept is not sugar-coated or runs counterpoint to one's self image. Very few people accept their roles as oppressors. But we all are, in some way. However, only whites can be racist in this country.

Let's try the equation again: Racism = discrimination plus power. Who has the power in this country? Breen presents the example of India's self-imposed racism. Class stratification by caste in India is racist. British colonization did not make the caste system any less racist. The British simply pre-empted class standing by putting themselves at the top of an existing caste system and by sharing power with Indians who still control and hold real power in that society. The fact that the Indians are all from the same loin, so to speak, is incidental. They are discriminating and possess the power in that society to do so.

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**Middle: Debra Olson. To Debra's left is her lover. To her right is S.F. Perot office manager. Over his shoulder stands a mute Mr. Perot.**

To a degree, lighter-complected people have received greater consideration than darker-complected people in the Americas, Europe, Australia and South Africa. Neither Smith nor I ever suggested racism was created in the United States. However, racism is a tool of Western civilization. We don't have to look to India to see that. Having attended racism workshops with Smith, I have seen him demonstrate how whites accept privilege in this society, knowingly or otherwise, and that is what institutional racism is: The exercise of privilege with power.

Breen would have us shift focus from the victims of oppression—in this case, the victims of racism—to the sensibilities of "too many people born white but trying to be politically correct." This institutionally racist system gives an *opportunity* to all whites to be racist, whether they wish to partake of it or not. Whites take for granted certain privileges in this society. Whites own the banks, own the corporations, control the government and generally are in charge of every accommodation. Whites who understand that have legitimate reasons for feeling guilty. Assumption of privilege is difficult to withdraw from, especially if it has been a normal, daily part of your life. By getting used to it, it doesn't seem so wrong.

In summation, I leave you with this thought from *Resisting Racism*, written by the late Gerald Mallon:

"Many whites argue that they do not have any more power than Blacks and thus are not racist. This position fails to take into account that it is within white society that the power exists to hire and fire, to grant or deny loans, to give or deny admission, and so forth. These powers are maintained through the country's institutions, which were set up by upper-class white males and were designed to aid and improve their situation. Many of these institutions developed while segregation was the law and although the law has since been changed, many of the institutions have not. Thus many whites receive many racist benefits automatically, unconsciously, and unintentionally just by being born white."


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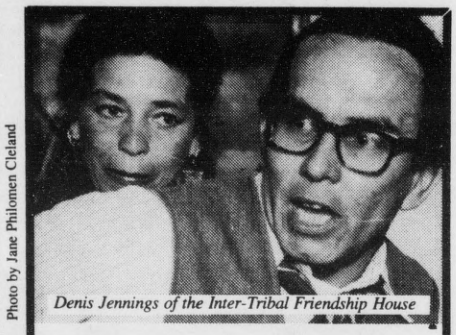

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*Denis Jennings of the Inter-Tribal Friendship House*

# Columbus Go Home: Quincentennial Conference Looks At Genocide

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*Angela Davis (l) talks with Helen Zia*

***by Tommi Avicolli Mecca***

The 200 participants at the Unified Against Genocide (UAG) 1992 forum came not to praise Christopher Columbus but to bury him, and his legacy—hate crimes against people of color and queers.

The all-day speakout on July 11 featured longtime African-American activist Angela Davis, *Ms.* Executive Editor Helen Zia and a host of Bay Area leaders, who related their experiences with hate crimes in their particular communities. Some also spoke of this country's 500-year history of hate crimes against people of color and queers, starting with the near extinction of indigenous peoples and the enslavement of Africans.

Columbus was not always in the participants' minds and hearts, but his "invasion," as they called it, of the Americas was definitely behind everything they did and said.

But this was not surprising, since this October—as the country celebrates the 500th anniversary of Columbus' landing—San Francisco will play host city for the festivities, including the annual reenactment of the explorer's arrival on this continent, complete with replicas of the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria. Judging by what activists plan, it promises to be a bumpy ride (see sidebar).

After the morning speeches were over and lunch was being served, Angela Davis told *SF Bay Times* that this forum "needs to move into the sphere of action.

"The kind of exchange and sense of community and commonality— respectful of various cultures, sexes, genders and religious differences—has to move from this space to the public arena so that other people see its possibilities," Davis said.

Davis feels that groups also "have to look at our own communities that are often multiple communities." She cites, as examples of what needs to be examined, homophobia in ethnic communities, and racism among European gays and lesbians.

## OPENING REMARKS

In her opening remarks at the beginning of the day, Davis said that the purposes of UAG are to "find ways to heal rifts that have torn communities asunder, reveal the role of the state not only in promoting but perpetuating hate violence" and "to forge a united struggle against hate crimes."

She described UAG as "a Bay Area coalition inspired by the indigenous peoples' resistance throughout the invasion. Our own work very specifically focuses on the connection between contemporary hate crimes and 500 years of genocide against Native Americans, African Americans, and Jewish women and men."

Davis said that once hate crimes laws are passed, "many of us relinquish everything to the state as if law enforcement would work to end them." But, according to Davis, both the state and the police perpetuate hate crimes.

"There's been not one prosecution of a police officer under the hate crimes laws," she said.

Davis explained that hate crimes laws "are not there because some legislator decided to pass them. People conducted militant campaigns."

She described these laws as "tools in our ongoing struggle."

Diane Chin, a staff attorney with the San Francisco Lawyers' Committee for Urban Affairs, followed Davis with a rundown on what hate crimes legislation exists in California and how one can initiate litigation under these laws.

Helen Zia, an out lesbian who's the executive editor of *Ms.* magazine, recalled some of the better-known instances of hate crimes, including the murder of Rebecca White by a homophobic mountain man, who observed her and her lover camping along the Appalachian Trail in Pennsylvania.

As an Asian activist, Zia investigated the murder of Vincent Chin, a Chinese man beaten to death in Detroit by two white auto workers who thought he was Japanese. "Because of you motherfuckers we're out of work," the men reportedly said to Chin. They were given probations and fined.

Zia also talked about the role of the media in "creating a climate of hate" that leads to bashings of queers and people of color. She cited, as an example, the "orgy of media attention" last August on the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

"The point of view in each article was: How much more do we hate the Japanese today?" Zia said. Yet little attention was paid to the same-year anniversary of the internment of Japanese Americans.

Zia said that it's not coincidental that the administrations of Reagan and Bush coincide with an increase in hate crimes and hate-crime organizations. She said these two presidents have engaged in the "systematic dismantling of hard-won civil rights gains, assaults on affirmative action and scholarships designated for people of color."

She also decried the appointment by these right-wing presidents of equally reactionary persons of color: Clarence Pendleton, Linda Chavez, Elaine Chou and Clarence Thomas, among them. She quipped that while her colleagues in the media were attacking political correctness, folks at *Ms.* interpret PC to mean "plain courtesy."

## BLACK/ASIAN CONFLICT

Though gay bashing in communities of color was mentioned as a problem, it wasn't focused on as much as another horizontal hostility: the conflict between Asians and African Americans. In referring to the destruction of Korean businesses by Blacks during the recent Los Angeles riots after the King decision, Zia asked "what it means when one community of color selectively targets another community of color.

"It's not like there's a lot of interaction between communities of color," Zia said. "What most Asian Americans know about African Americans comes from TV and popular media, and vice versa."

"Conflicts between different communities of color have been going on for a long time," Zia said. "We didn't do a lot about it." She praised the efforts of groups such as the two-year-old Black/Asian Coalition in San Francisco.

Zia also spoke of the lack of statistics about female victims of hate crimes. "Women are not reporting, not getting counted," she said. Even in gay/lesbian/bisexual tracking, she said, "there are few lesbians."

Finally, Zia said that "if we don't take the initiative and frame the issues for our communities, then we're relinquishing our power to the media." She related how ten years ago a group of Asian Americans named the hate crimes issue for their community by declaring the Chin murder a racist act.

"That's what we must do today," she concluded. "We must speak the truth, name the issues, put it out there."

## TESTIFYING

And that's exactly what the seven individuals who followed Zia did: testified to the hate crimes their communities witness every day. These individuals included Angie Rosga, an out lesbian; Dennis Hayashi, the national director of the Japanese American Citizens League; and Fred Persily, the director of the Intergroup Clearinghouse, a hate-violence response program in San Francisco that works with youth.

Antonio Ramirez, who founded Manalive, talked about his organization's efforts against domestic violence. "It's a politically motivated crime," he said. "We as men have been sold an image, an identity as being superior to women."

Fuiavailili Ala 'Ilima talked about hate-motivated crimes against a population seldom recognized as victims: Samoans, 100,000 of whom live on the West Coast. This figure, he said, represents "30 percent of the Samoan population in the world." He said that Samoan concerns often don't get addressed, buried as they are in the broader category of Asians/Pacific Islanders.

Michael Harris, a staff attorney at the San Francisco Lawyers' Committee on Urban Affairs,

### Planning for 500 Years Of Resistance

The following are some of the events planned against the Quincentennial:

A benefit will be held for the International Tribunal of Indigenous Peoples and Oppressed Nations in the USA on Aug. 1 at Life on the Water, Fort Mason, at 7:30 pm. Admission is on a sliding scale from $8-15. Featured will be Ward Churchill of the Colorado American Indian Movement, jazz pianist Jong Jang & Friends, and hip-hop lyricists Elite and Petite & Crew. For more information, call (415) 552-1992.

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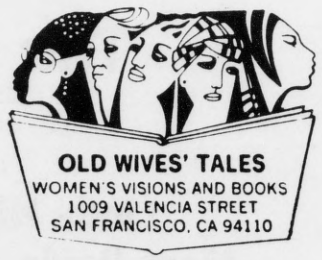


**Thursday, July 16, 8 pm—Dorothy Allison,** author of *Trash,* will read from and discuss her long-awaited novel ***Bastard Out of Carolina,*** a "mean story" of growing up poor in South Carolina.

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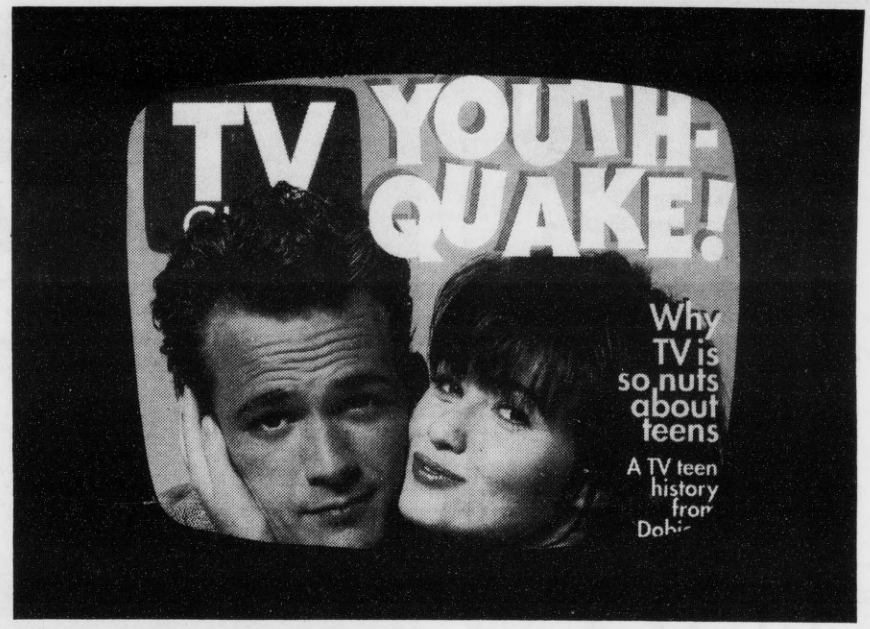


The big buzz in TV-land last week centered on the networks' rush to court viewers in their teens and twenties. The obvious reason: money. The July 11 *TV Guide* reports that U.S. teens spend $57-$92 *billion* dollars annually. Says one sociologist: "Unlike adults, kids don't worry about mortgages and health-insurance costs. The mature market may have money, but their major concern is that they don't run out of money before they run out of life. The kids are different. They just have money to spend. And they want to *buy* stuff." It's darkly ironic, of course, that teens will see themselves reflected in shows brought to them precisely because they're the ones with the bucks. This is exploitation at its most crass.

But that's not beyond the moral means of the Once Big Three—ABC, CBS and NBC. CBS, not atypically, is maintaining its mantle as the network of the mature set, but all of the networks, to one degree or another, are following in the footsteps of media oligarch Rupert Murdoch's Fox network. That outlet has successfully programmed for teens in recent years with a slick combination of fart-'n'-snot anti-sitcoms lampooning traditional family values ("Married...With Children," "The Simpsons") and dramatic teen shows like the runaway hit "Beverly Hills 90210" (which, industry insiders say, may be losing its luster: teen audiences are fickle).

Ushering in the summer and fall slew of "young" shows, Fox debuted its much-hyped "Melrose Place" last week. The show details the interwoven lives of men and women in their twenties who live in a West Hollywood bungalow complex. They include an ad agency receptionist, a writer, an aerobics instructor, a cocktail waitress, a hunky ne'er-do-well, a social worker and a medical intern and his long-suffering wife.

Since this is television—and L.A.—everyone is scarily pretty. Since this is television in the '90s, everyone is scarily pretty and often shirtless—the women in bikinis, of course: This may be the '90s, but it's not Europe. (That the beefcake/cheesecake factor rules would beg the question of physical exploitation—the camera, and audience, is a voyeur—if the target audience wasn't the actors' peers.) Since this is the Fox network, characters from "90210" appeared in the premiere: in fact, the story line involving one of the high-school-aged "90210" women and the roustabout hunk was surprisingly affecting.

More to the point, one of the regular characters is openly gay. In a scene used in the promo trailer, he and the aerobics instructor (a young African-American woman unfortunately prone to stereotypical "you-know-*thass*-right-girl" cheerleading) spot the 22-year-old writer. When the aerobics instructor "mmm-hmms," the gay guy (played by actor Doug Savant) says, "He's cute."

I first reacted with embarrassment: unaccustomed to seeing gay lives on TV, I instantly "heard" straight boys snickering and Fundamentalists gearing up fire-and-brimstone rhetoric and advertiser boycotts. When that flash of internalized homophobia subsided, I retreated into the safety of analysis: Savant threw away the line; it seemed cavalierly devoid of sexual interest. I worried the character might be plagued by the same problem that weighted the movie *Longtime Companion*: straight actors playing gay characters sometimes appear sexless. But then, Savant's character is gay; maybe he's just not a queen.

*Bush and Quayle, sittin' in a tree, while boys dance on MTV*

My ultimate reaction, however, was amazement. In conscious opposition to flaming stereotypes that have clotted the airwaves for decades, this man is a Good Gay. He's a social worker who operates a runaway shelter—shattering the idea that all gay men are child molesters unfit to teach and guide children. The show's producers said in interviews last week that his character will be developed further in the fifth or sixth episode. Already they appear to be setting him up as one of the show's moral centers.

Unfortunately, the writers fell into another queer trap. The aerobics instructor, mourning a bad date, later wondered aloud why she and the gay boy couldn't, you know, be boyfriend-girlfriend. "What's missing?" she asked. Quipped he: "How about physical attraction?" It's a tired old saw that all women who hang out with gay men want to sleep with them. It happens, sure, but it's a disservice to the aerobics instructor's character to portray her that foolishly.

### IT'S LIKE A MIRROR, BUT WITH KNOBS

Nonetheless, the gay character's a breakthrough.

It's no secret that television both molds and reflects the cultural *zeitgeist*. If there's an increase in gay bashing nationwide, it's partly because lesbians and gays are more visible than ever; we're demanding rights and care from a society and a government that have denied us both for centuries. When queers were quiet, we were manageable: our increased visibility—in activism, in the corridors of political power, on the airwaves—stirs hatred toward us. The homophobia surfaces on the street in the form of the gay-basher's bat; in the political dialogue, as a blanket refusal to acknowledge queers as capable leaders; in the mass media, as oppressive stereotypes which allow straights to distance themselves from gays.

Nowhere is this homophobia more apparent on a grassroots level than in the plight of gay and lesbian teens. Reporter Linnea Due's excellent June 26 *East Bay Express* cover on queer adolescents details the terrors they face even in the supposedly liberal Bay Area: being booted from homes, reviled in high schools, exploited sexually, ignored by older lesbians and gays. No wonder, as Due reports, a 1989 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services study on youth suicide showed that "30 percent of teen suicides are estimated to be by gays and lesbians; 50 percent of gay youth experience serious depression and suicidal feelings as compared to 19 percent of heterosexual youth; [and] 45 percent of gay males and 20 percent of lesbians encounter verbal or physical abuse in high school, with 28 percent dropping out over sexual orientation issues..."

Given those figures, it's fortunate that queers are becoming part of the teen-targeted media. In its "What's Now" section, the July *Sassy*—which recently pushed Freedom Rings without noting they're gay-associated—touts *Out* as "a slick new ultra-cool magazine for gays and lesbians." Okay, it's a blatant subscription plug: but the *symbology* of *Sassy* pushing a queer mag counts for something.

Last week on MTV's *Real World*, a weekly documentary about young adults in Manhattan, viewers saw the openly gay man kissing a man he'd been mooning over. During a recent studio audience dance break on "Hangin' With MTV," the network's afternoon video fest, two boys shimmied together nonchalantly.

Which bolsters the appearance of the gay character on "Melrose Place." Young gay adults deserve to see themselves reflected on television and in the mass media. It not only tells them it's all right to be who they are, but also tells a generation of *nongay* youth that being gay is accepted in society. This, by definition, is revolutionary.

### A SKIRT AND A GUN: THAT'S FUN

In fact, MTV has been diligently following the presidential race with its "Choose Or Lose" series of spot reports and forums, in order to inform 18-to-24-year-old voters. (Demo nominee Bill Clinton's recent "meet-the-candidate" MTV appearance had a decidedly salutory effect on his

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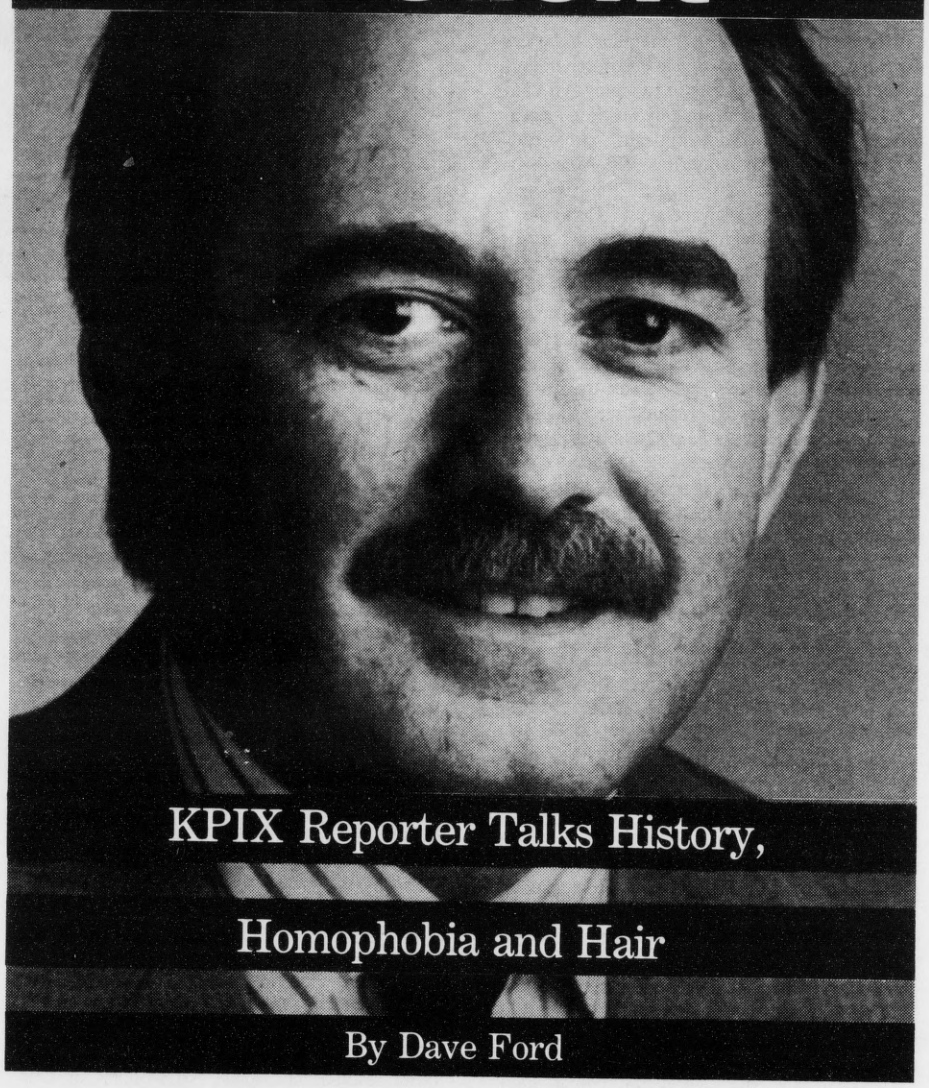

## KPIX Reporter Talks History, Homophobia and Hair

By Dave Ford

Hank Plante, KPIX-TV's general assignment reporter and sometime fill-in anchor, looks like a caricature of a newsman. Not the ultra-coiffed, sleek-suited android type, though—with his deep, searching Beagle eyes and bristly moustache, Plante looks like the kind of reporter who listens, digs and brings back a piece of work a viewer can trust. A younger Walter Cronkite? Maybe. An opinionated, openly gay television reporter? Definitely.

Born and raised in a small Detroit family, and having matriculated at Michigan State University ("I was an activist in a Brooks Brothers suit"), Plante moved to Washington, D.C., in the late '60s, where, after a series of odd jobs, he became first a copy boy, then a news editor at the *Washington Post*. Bitten by the print bug, he spent the next five years at *The Sentinel*, a Montgomery County weekly, where he rose from reporter to managing editor. Bored with newsprint, he saw the mediatic future—in the form of broadcasting—and became assignment editor at WTTG-TV in D.C.

It was not the happiest of moments. "I'd come up with these story ideas, and these blowdried reporters would go out and just *butcher* them," Plante recalls. "I fucking hated it. However, I was at least smart enough to see they were having fun and making money, so I wanted to become a TV reporter."

After working in talk radio ("To get over my mike fright"), Plante nabbed a TV job in Norfolk, Va., which led to subsequent reporting and anchoring stints in Minneapolis, Los Angeles and Houston. In 1986, Plante relocated to San Francisco, where early on he distinguished himself with his work on KPIX-TV's groundbreaking "AIDS Lifeline" series, which ran for three crucial years in the mid-'80s.

Plante and his lover of 20 years, Jack, live in a spacious home in Golden Gate Heights, with a view of most of the bay and half of heaven. They're kept company by two English Springer Spaniels, Murphy and Chauncey, and a cockateel named Neil. "We had to have Murphy fixed when we brought Chauncey into the house," Plante chuckles. "They're both male dogs—but they're gay. Neil is bisexual." Plante nonchalantly guides a visitor around the house, pointing out areas of interest ranging from newly added rooms to his walk-in closet ("A shrine to my Armani suits," he quips).

Plante in person is much as he is on-air: sober and reflective, quietly passionate. He speaks in a newscaster's deep tones, but without the phony, off-putting cadences favored by some of his colleagues. His humor is dry, his sentences measured. Over bagels and coffee, the 45-year-old reporter talked about the shifts in his business, and the trials and rewards of being gay. And, as all good journalists should do, he spoke most eloquently about the power of deep relationships—and love.

(SF Bay Times) *When you started at KPIX, did they know you were gay?*

(Plante) No.

*How did you come out?*

I used a tactic that I'd used before: Tell the office gossip, and let her take care of it. It's always worked for me. I've always been in the position of not wanting to hide it, yet not wanting to make a super big deal about it. But I do want people to know, without me saying, "Hi, I'm Hank Plante, and I'm gay."

*The "AIDS Lifeline" series broke new reporting ground.*

Right. We traveled all over the world and covered AIDS like a blanket. It was important, because at the time very little was known about it compared to what we know now. It's an area I'm really proud of, because I think the media takes a lot of hits—and we deserve it, because most of what happens in the media is trash. But there were some stations and newspapers that saved peoples' lives back then. You could turn on our channel and a few others—like WBZ in Boston and KRON—and learn that receptive anal intercourse was *not* a thing you wanted to do without a condom. You weren't hearing that from the government.

*Do you consider the work you do creative?*

Yes. I do creative, different stories, that no one else on the face of the earth is doing in quite the same way, about once a week. I don't need to hit a lot of home runs, but I do hit a home run about once a week. The rest of the time it's sewer hearings or the story *du jour*.

Instead of just jumping in and doing a story, the technique I use is to stop and take a breath, and think, "What could I do that's different? What does this have to do with peoples' lives—*really*?"

*Is there a point where you know you're going to hit a home run?*

Absolutely. Sometimes you know the minute you come up with the idea. Sometimes you know it when you go to the first interview, and the guy or the woman is *just wonderful*.

Sometimes you don't realize it till later. They assigned me to cover Shirley MacLaine, who was at a book-signing two months ago. These are pretty staid events, so what I decided to do, instead of spending a lot of time on Ms. MacLaine, was to interview the people in line about what their past lives were. And it worked. That home-run realization came about halfway through, when some of the comments started coming up.

### "THE ADVOCATE" IS NOT JUST A MAGAZINE

*Do you use your influence as a reporter who is gay to get gay-related stories on the air?*

Yes—if they're good stories. But I wouldn't do a story just because it's a gay story if it wasn't really news, if it didn't meet the other criteria: is it interesting, does it affect other people, can we effect some change by reporting on it?

Because this is my community, and I pay attention—I read your newspaper and others—I know what's happening out there, and I can go to my bosses and say, "Hey, this is happening; this is a good story." By now they trust me to know I wouldn't mislead them.

*Have specific stories of yours had an impact?*

I think with the AIDS reporting I had a direct impact. Some of the stories I've done on alcoholism in the gay and lesbian community have had an effect on people. I got some nasty calls on that, because there are always some gays who think we're putting the community in a bad light. But the fact is that it's the truth and it's happening, so people need to know about it.

*There's always concern about the way the community is viewed.*

Right. But I trust the viewer, and I really trust the truth. I think the viewer, especially in this market, is smart enough to make up his or her own mind.

And you know what? My opinions don't mean as much to me as my job does. I feel privileged: It's a fun job, it changes every day and I'm well paid. And I'm doing it in a *great* town. This profession, this responsibility, means *a lot* to me. It's the most important part of my life, really.

So just because I have opinions about things I cover doesn't mean they should sway my story. I have opinions about *everything*. But the fact that I'm the eyes and ears of people who can't be there means more to me than how I feel about what's happening out there. My *job* is to suspend those judgments when I'm putting a piece together. The way to do that is awareness: I have to be aware of what my opinions are and when they're enter-

ing into the story and when they're not. It's a game you play with yourself: the game is truth.

*Some gay journalists contend it's impossible not to be an advocacy journalist at this point in our history.*

Well, we see things not as they are but as we are— through our own eyes. That is not to say I'm an advocacy journalist. I don't want to think that I am toeing any party line. And sometimes it's difficult not to toe a party line when you're part of the community, because the trouble with not toeing a party line is that you don't get invited to any more parties.

But I don't consider myself an advocacy journalist. I'm a reporter who happens to be gay. I happen to be a lot of other things, and being gay is a *big* one. But basically, I walk into a situation as a reporter.

Still, I think being gay has made me a *better* reporter: it's given me a sensitivity that some of my straight colleagues don't have. It's made me aware of what it feels like to be discriminated against, to feel different. It's made me more open. It's made me have fewer judgments about people different from my station. In the same way, being gay has made me a better *person*.

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**BRING THE COMET; BRING THE TIDY-BOWL**

*In the past few years, how have you seen the national media change with regard to ethics—the kind of reporting being practiced, the way business concerns affect reportorial concerns?*

I think the whole business is in the toilet. And it's not getting any better. I think it's been Geraldo-ized and trivialized beyond *anything* I could have ever imagined. Reporting of all stripes has been affected by it—not just the election. There's this preoccupation with the trivial. It's lazy reporting, it's irresponsible and a terrible abuse of this power that we have.

*How does that make you feel as a reporter?*

Challenged. I think there are still a lot of us who have cut out some niches that are protected from the trend. But it makes me feel terrible. One of our news shows is wedged between *A Current Affair* and *Inside Edition*. Now, how can we expect the viewer to discriminate between what's trash and what's truth? We've done it to ourselves. And I think the public misses good journalism.

*It also leads, as has this year's presidential campaign, to a public mistrust in the institutions of the media.*

Absolutely. The public places journalists about two steps below tow truck drivers—and for good reason. I don't expect them to believe us.

I give speeches before college classes, and the first or second question is pretty regularly about how much money I make. It's business, it's glamor, it's cosmetics, it's "How's my hair?"

I see new young reporters who go out on a story and the first thing they ask the photographer is, "Where should I do my stand-up?" Not, "What's the story? Who's affected? What's interesting? How can the public be served?" This is a business that's supposed to be of service. We're supposed to be the eyes and ears of people who can't be in all the places that we're privileged to be in. That's the last thing on some young reporters' minds.

I think what's wrong is pretty much across the board. It's a consultant-driven business. If you just look at a piece of research you've gotten from a consultant that says people want to see more sex on TV among blondes who are 25 to 28, that pretty much takes all the decision out of your daily news judgment.

*Another major media shift in the past four years is around outing. I wonder how you feel about it.*

Well, we named Pete Williams; I thought that was appropriate. Hypocrisy is always good news. He is an Assistant Secretary for Defense—his job is to go out and defend a policy that discriminates. And if he in fact could be a victim of that discrimination, that's news. Period.

But it's not something we'd regularly do. I'm not interested in naming which movie stars or senators are gay. If *Jesse Helms* were gay, I'd lead with it, if we had some sources on it.

I'll say further, though, that the whole subject is old news, and I was sorry to see it dominate the gay and lesbian journalists' conference. There's a lot of shooting ourselves in the foot on that issue. What's happening in our community is exciting: We're really coming into our own now, partly because AIDS has put us on the front page. And there are real villains out there. There are people that would like to cut off AIDS funding and discrimination bills—and we have to attack each other for what our philosophies are.

**SPORTS CARS AND SECURITY: A PACKAGE DEFINED**

*When did you know that you were gay?*

When I was about eleven.

*How did it appear to you?*

The boy across the street.

*Did you put a name on it at that time?*

Bruce. (Laughs.)

*Did you do a lot of fooling around when you were a kid?*

A little bit.

*What was it like for you as a teenager?*

Frustrating. But I didn't think about it a lot. I dated a beautiful girl and kind of fit in, drove my parents' convertible—just kind of did that midwestern thing.

*What about actually coming out?*

There wasn't a single day that that happened, but it happened when I moved to Washington and got away from the womb, moved away from the Midwest. A new dance bar had just opened, called The Lost and Found, so I wound up hanging around there. I met Jack there in 1972—three or four years after I moved to town.

*Was there any sense that* this *was "the guy?"*

Yeah, yeah. He was real different from anybody else I'd met. He was working for the McGovern campaign, so he was doing something with his life. He was very sexy—real handsome, blond, in great shape, wearing a white polo shirt. He was from South Dakota, so he had that kind of midwestern masculinity without being supermacho. We went back to his apartment and spent the night trying to light joints off of his electric stove, listening to Stephen Stills, turning it down when the neighbors would bang on the wall.

He had a sports car and wore English suits without being pretentious—it was quite a package. And he was six years older than me, so he had the personal confidence and security that comes with that extra six years.

*How did it develop?*

It was off-again, on-again. I wasn't ready; I think he was. When I hit around 31 or so, I realized it was time to settle down. The funny thing about it was that no sooner did I realize I wanted a lover, the next thing I realized was that I already had one! I mean, I was never going to meet anyone who was as compatible. So it was a clear intellectual decision at that point. I wasn't thinking with my libido—I'd already done that thinking earlier.

*Before that, had you been in anything you'd call a relationship?*

Not really. A relationship to me would be seeing someone for two months.

I was never as comfortable. One of the things about love, in relationships, is that feeling of emotional security you have inside you when you're with a specific other person. I had that with Jack early on: he made me feel very secure. But the security didn't come from him; it came from me. I think that love in relationships unleashes things


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inside us. Love is a place we come *from*. Too often I think people try to get it from someone else. The other person is the catalyst: What we love about the other person is what's been released inside us.

*Looking back on it now, after a long history with Jack, do you feel you're the type of person who's suited for a long-term, one-person relationship?*

Yes. I'm a homebody. I like to know where things are. I like to know my place in the world. I like regularity, discipline, structure. I don't like living out of suitcases. I don't even like to travel that much—at least not for work. I don't think I'd be happy as a network correspondent, living out of a suitcase all the time.

*Has being in a steady relationship given you a grounding?*

*Totally*. Being with Jack anchors my life. I don't have to worry about this. I mean, this is over half of my life—and the most important part of my life, really. *Really*. And it's together, which frees me up to go off and be loose and creative. You take loneliness out of somebody's life, and that really frees up their head.

## TICK, TOCK, AND A HALF-CENTURY LOOMS

*Was hitting 40 a big deal for you?*

Yes. I'm not young any more. And I was young for a *long* time—much longer than I should have been. And I miss that.

However, there are a *lot* of advantages to being an adult in this society. You're taken seriously, and a serenity takes over, if I can use that word. My work has gotten better and is taken more seriously. I'm treated better by strangers. This society is set up to serve adults—and that's who I am now.

See, my job is to be the best 45-year-old I can be. I would hate to be one of those people pretending I was 30. And I hate it when I see it in other people, because it's kind of sad. We have to be the best that we can be, and the best age that we can be. I'm *not* 35 any more—so I try not to act like it.

*Did you go through any changes between the time you hit 40 and now?*

Not as much as, say, from 35 to 40. What's the difference between 40 and 50 in this society? Thirty was wonderful: my life came together at 30. I was a mess until 30: I was confused, didn't know what my place was, what I was doing with my life, who I was going to be with. After 30, it all started to come together for me, because I cleaned up my act and settled down with somebody. And that allowed me to really blossom in the other areas that were being neglected—like career and personal growth and development.

*What were the years from 35 to 40 like?*

I was struggling with my career. I was anchoring in Houston, doing two things I should probably never have been doing: I was never that crazy about anchoring, because it bored me, and I was never that crazy about Houston. To me, if my career is not going right, then nothing else is going right—because that's so important to me. I was dissatisfied. Not unhappy, but dissatisfied. I knew I didn't *belong*—in that city, doing that job.

Now, I really feel like I belong here. I'm wearing this like a good suit. This fits me very well—being a TV reporter, in San Francisco, in 1992. I have a very clear sense that this is *exactly* what I'm supposed to be doing—unlike that period. You get an intuitive sense after a while of what works for you and what doesn't—and that wasn't working for me.

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## DING-A-LING. WHO'S THERE? THE NEWS

*Where do you see the future of the news business going, and what will your place be in it?*

I am happy being a reporter. I've done it so long I can't imagine doing anything else. And I think I could make a living in this town for as long as I live.

I'm less optimistic about the future of the business. I think at least one and probably two of the network news divisions will fold in a very short period of time. The days of three white men who look alike reading the same stories in the same order are over. Even Macy's has to have *something* different from Neiman's. It's amazing it's lasted as long as it has.

Broadcasting is going the way of newspapers, where cities have one strong outlet. It becomes a monopoly. It's unfortunate, but we brought it on ourselves. The people who run the business—meaning the bean counters—have stifled any creativity. So we haven't given people a choice.

There have only been two innovations in TV news since the '50s. One was an accident: *Nightline*. That grew out of the Iranian hostage situation. The other was not an accident, it was a stroke of guts: Ted Turner's all-news television. But those have been the only two changes in the last few decades. So do we deserve to fail at that level? Probably.

But there are some innovations coming that are going to change the whole game. Interactive television will change this business dramatically. You will dial up what you want when you want it. And *none* of us is prepared for that—believe me. Your phone company will be the supplier of news before long. You think they're conservative at General Electric, which owns NBC, you wait until *AT&T* is doing your news siphoning—because they own the phone lines, and that's how the stuff will be delivered.

We're on the verge of a technological revolution that's going to make everything we know about broadcasting obsolete.

*Are you positioning yourself to move into this sphere?*

All the reporters I know are trying to get out in front of this trend, but nobody knows how to do it, because *nobody* has the total picture of where it's going. But *someone* is going to have to go out and *gather* the news. Whether I broadcast it or speak it... I don't know.


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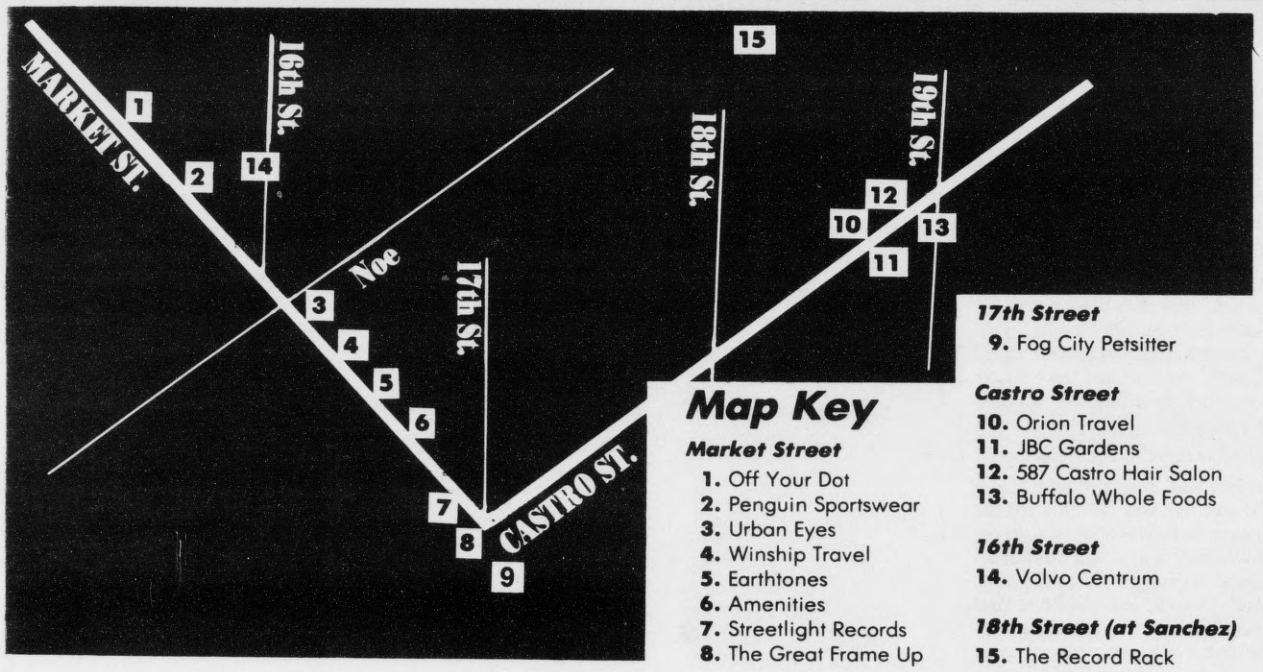


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# Write Stuff...

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campaign among the young.) Whereas the Big Four recognize teens' new spending power, MTV is also noting their electoral power.

Perhaps MTV viewers weaned on quick cuts and pumping tunes will be able to follow this year's dizzying, history-making campaign with relative ease. Now the Democrats offer the Young White Boy Ticket (Clinton and Tennessee Senator Albert Gore), which may just run roughshod this fall over the Tired White Boy Ticket (Bush and Quayle) and the White Boy On a Tarnished White Horse Ticket (Perot).

Last week, Perot released a statement to gay activists and the media saying he will not support discrimination in his administration—including any based on sexual orientation. But when push came to shove, Perot dodged the issue of queers in the military. Debra Olsen, Perot's National Gay and Lesbian Liaison to the Perot Petition Committee, told the July 10 *New York Times* that "if [Perot] was the commander-in-chief, he would, without question, do the right thing and *strive to influence* the Department of Defense to reverse the present policies with regard to the service of gays and lesbians in the military." (My emphasis.) But another Perot official told the *Times* that being any more succinct might sink the campaign: "I guarantee you that if we had made as clear a statement as possible about the military, it would have been riddled with bullet-holes. It's not even a lose-lose proposition. It's a die-die proposition."

True though that may be, and though it may speak to the electorate's homophobia, it hardly suggests Perotian courage. After all, Clinton is on the record as saying that, as president, he would issue an executive order banning discrimination against gays and lesbians in the military.

Of course, this begs the question of why *anyone* would want to serve in the military. It is, after all, a killing machine—not the "peace-keeping force" its proponents suggest. In fact, as revealed in the recent Tailhook scandal, the military is also an abusively sexist institution that keeps its hot-shot top guns happy by allowing them to brutalize and rape the women with whom they serve. And it is, need I add, rabidly homophobic. Margarethe Cammermeyer, a decorated Vietnam vet recently discharged from the National Guard for being a lesbian, told the June 27 *Ex* that "the same guys harassing women (in the military) are concerned about being in a foxhole with gay men."

Still, some people—gays and lesbians among them—see military duty as a way of serving their country; it's also a life with steady benefits and educational opportunities. I'd never submit to the torture of military experience, but I'll argue that those who want to should be in an environment free of threats against their sex and sexual orientation.

### IT'S DOPE TO HOPE

Back to the campaign for a moment.

On a deeper level, despite its obvious lack of symbolic (or realistic) plurality, the Clinton-Gore ticket offers a modicum of hope to a disgruntled electorate. Gore's a fierce environmentalist and deftly navigates Congress's labyrinthine byways. (Unfortunately, he made an "anguished" decision to support Desert Storm; and as co-founder of the rock-lyric-attacking Parents Music Resource Center, Gore's wife laid the groundwork for conservative attacks on the National Endowment for the Arts and queer artists.) Clinton's leadership skills are questionable; his record on gay and AIDS issues as Arkansas governor is spotty.

But both offer youthful hope combined with seasoned political skills—something that, in the long run, seems much more sane than the springtime rescue fantasy that momentarily shot H. Hoss Perot-noid to the top of the slag heap.

And hope, for the American electorate, is in short supply. As the always-fierce Barbara Ehrenreich nailed it in the July/Aug. *Mother Jones*: "Ah, what a ghastly *fin* to the *siecle*! A hundred years ago, only poets spoke of morbidity and dread. The newspaper-reading public believed in Progress, Technology, Good Government—even the bright promise of Socialism. The human mind would stamp its will upon the earth and make it flower, raise up great cities, and succor the hungry and poor. But 'progress' has been revealed to mean deforestation; technology is the oleaginous scum on our ponds, and government an incubus that sucks our wealth and succors almost no one except those who need help least. What we have lost goes beyond mere politics. What we have lost is any faith in our collective intentions—that we can decide something rationally, together, and proceed to get it done."

The idea of an entire population pulling together for a common good seems almost quaint today. Media pundits moan that the country appears to have split into minority interests scrabbling for shrinking pieces of the pie. In a broad sense, I agree. But as a member of one of those minority groups, I understand the factionalization firsthand: how can I bind together with those who hate me? With those who want me dead? How can I believe in the power of government as an instrument of decent change when that government, by its neglect, has killed hundreds of thousands of my people—who, incidentally, are also Americans? How can I fight for the common good when I'm busy, in one way or another, fighting to ensure the survival of my community, my friends, myself?

I don't yet know the answer. But maybe there is hope. Maybe there's hope for lesbian and gay teens—in the people who help them; in the images they're beginning to see on TV; deep in their tough hearts. Maybe there's hope for the electorate in the Clinton/Gore ticket. Maybe this Period of Darkness will end, or transmutate, and we *will* see a country comprised of coequal peoples willing to shoulder the burdens of democracy. As lesbian filmmaker Pam Walton told the *East Bay Express*'s Linnea Due, "The process of getting well is messy. This culture is so homophobic and so sick that it has to go through convulsions to get well. Coming out into the open about who you are is going to stir up all this sickness. It's like the bottom of a pond. It's got to come up before it can be cleaned."

We can only hope.


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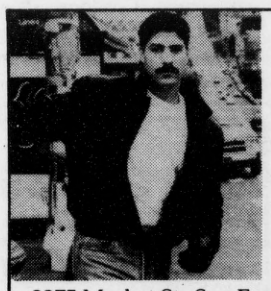

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## Thousands Expected For Annual AIDS Walk

SAN FRANCISCO - Thousands are expected to gather in Golden Gate Park on July 19 to participate in Northern California's largest and most successful AIDS fundraising event, the AIDS Walk. Last year 13,000 participants raised $2.2 million for local AIDS organizations.

Sign-up is at 9 am at Sharon Meadow in Golden Gate Park, with opening ceremonies scheduled to follow at 9:30. The walk begins at 10 am, taking participants through the park to the Pacific Ocean and back. "Over the past five years, AIDS Walk San Francisco has become a vital source of support for community care and prevention services," says Pat Christen, executive director of the AIDS Foundation.

Beneficiaries include the Asian Pacific AIDS Coalition, Black Coalition on AIDS, Instituto de la Raza and Project Open Hand.

## Perot's Pro-Gay Statement Bombs

SAN FRANCISCO - Presidential hopeful Ross Perot can't seem to do anything right, as far as gays are concerned. The man who outraged many queer leaders with remarks about not wanting a gay person in his cabinet, has now issued a four-paragraph statement to gay/lesbian/bisexual leaders saying he won't tolerate discrimination and he would push for a cure for AIDS.

But the latest attempt to woo queer voters has met with a lukewarm reception from gay/lesbian/bisexual leaders here in the Bay Area and across the country. The man who's literally giving George Bush a run for his money also met with queer leaders and appointed a lesbian, Debra Olson, to handle civil rights issues in California.

In his faxed message, Perot says, "No one should have to lie about who they are, no one should have to live their life in secrecy. We must unite and utilize the talent of all our great citizens."

## Calif. Board of Ed to Tackle Queer Issues

SACRAMENTO - On July 27, the California State Board of Education will hear public testimony regarding the proposed Health Education Framework, which serves as a basis for the next generation of health textbooks used in the state. For the first time ever, the proposed Framework includes a small number of references to lesbians and gays, references that have generated a great deal of controversy.

Fundamentalist organizations, including the Traditional Values Coalition and the Eagle Forum, have been lobbying against the inclusion. Project 21, a coalition effort coordinated by the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, is leading the fight for the Framework inclusion of queers.

## Migden's Heading for The Top

SAN FRANCISCO - Supervisor Carole Migden sailed to victory over 54 challengers when the California Democratic leadership re-elected her to the 230-member Democratic National Committee (DNC) on July 9. She is the only out lesbian to serve on the DNC.

Migden, who was also elected as a Clinton representative to the Democratic National Platform Committee, served on the Democratic National Committee in 1988. Serving as a National Platform Committee member, Migden was successful in inserting language which broadened the platform's commitment to the lesbian/gay/bisexual community. Under her direction, the platform addresses HIV disease as well as AIDS and for the first time will take a public stance against "homophobia." Upon her insistence, the party affirmed its commitment to universal access to health care.

## Pelosi Plugs Free Expression

SAN FRANCISCO - The San Francisco Arts Democratic Club, working with Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi (D-SF), succeeded in lobbying an arts plank into the National Democratic Party platform's final draft. This puts the Dems in support of a National Endowment for the Arts "free from political manipulation and firmly rooted in the First Amendment's freedom of expression guarantee."

## Dykes Among the Dems

NEW YORK - Two open lesbians from Ohio worked their fellow delegates at the opening of the Democratic Convention, urging them to wear red ribbons to show support for the fight against AIDS. Though some responses have been negative, many delegates put on their ribbons in response to the appeal.

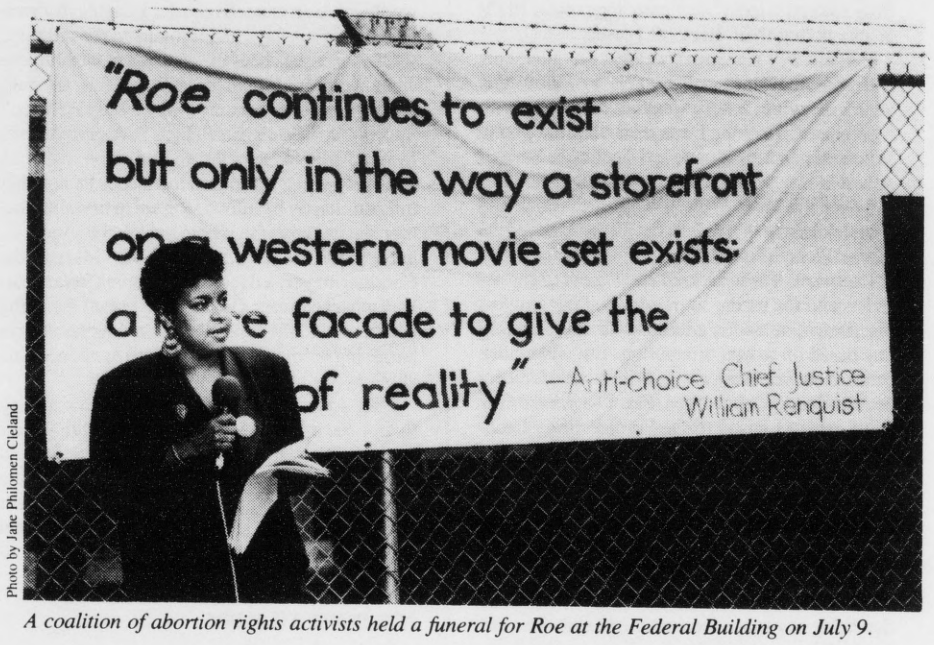
Says Karen Ball, one of the two lesbians, "I think most Americans are compassionate. The people who are saying, 'You're going to burn in hell,' are a small group of people making a lot of noise." Strong Bill Clinton supporters, the two clipped red ribbons onto the candidate's AIDS position paper.

Lynn Greer says that her brother and an ex-lover both died of AIDS. "I don't want to come in and be the radical lesbian," she says. "What we're asking is for them to wear the ribbon and show some support."

## Average Citizens Rise Up

EUGENE - The average citizens of Oregon are rising up and saying "no" to rampant individualism and nonconformity. And what's even more alarming is that they're demanding the state's constitution be amended to establish The Norm for Oregonians.

The effort, pushed by the newly formed Average Citizens of Oregon (ACO), is a spoof of an attempt by right-wing, anti-gay forces to amend the state's constitution to outlaw homosexuality and gay rights. The ACO's slogan: "You're One of Us: It's the Law."


"Roe continues to exist
but only in the way a storefront
on a western movie set exists:
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of reality" —Anti-choice Chief Justice
William Renquist

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

*A coalition of abortion rights activists held a funeral for Roe at the Federal Building on July 9.*

## Queer Baptists Hang In There

RACINE - The 91-to-88 vote of the General Board of the American Baptist Church to reject a resolution condemning lesbian, gay and bisexual people was a clear signal to continue dialogue, according to leaders of American Baptists Concerned, the national lesbian/gay/bisexual Baptist caucus, which held its annual retreat June 29-July 2. The General Board meeting was held in Green Lake, Wis., from June 21-23.

The queer Baptists also established The Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists, an alliance of individuals, groups and congregations, gay and non-gay, pledging affirmation of gays/lesbians/bisexuals.

## Let Them Die First

SALT LAKE CITY - The Salt Lake City County Health Department recently refused to give condoms to a gay magazine that planned to distribute them in an upcoming issue.

The department's reasoning? Says Lewis Garrett, the department's deputy director of family health services, "Our primary message is abstinence. Condoms should only be given following a message of monogamy or abstinence. We don't want to give the impression that condoms are a fail-safe preventive tool."

## Bits & Pieces

Over 50 stars from Los Angeles soaps will appear at "Soap Star Spectacular," an entertainment industry AIDS benefit, on July 19. It's happening at the Santa Monica Air Center from noon to 6 pm. Tickets are available by calling (213) 480-3232 .... The Gay Pride Committee of San Jose, Inc. invites all interested members of the community to a Town Meeting on Aug. 1 at 11 am at the Billy DeFrank Community Center, to critique the recent pride march.... Former Sen. Barry Goldwater, not a liberal by any means, went on record in support of gay rights at a news conference following a decision by the Phoenix City Council to let voters decide if queers should have rights in the workplace. "I can't see any way in the world that being gay can cause damage to somebody else," said Goldwater, who thinks the council should just approve such a measure.... The University of Wisconsin won't enforce a rule against insulting comments against people of color and queers until it's reconsidered by the Board of Regents, which passed it in May. Violators of the code can be expelled.... *Lesbian Vampires of Sodom* won't play in Export, Pa. After the play's title became known, the director received threatening phone calls, and the volunteer firefighters leasing space to the theater company got cold feet. The show has now moved to Pittsburgh. Stay tuned.... Boulder City Council has come out in opposition to a proposed state amendment banning civil rights for queers. Mayor Leslie Durgin says the city opposes the measure because it undermines local control and prohibits local communities from "passing laws that give equal protection to groups of people."

*AP also contributed to this report.*


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# Letters...

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I am asking my gay brothers not to tolerate such material in a store, as it denigrates women and casts a shadow on the whole community. As we fight against homophobia, ignorance, bigotry and sexism, we should all support each other.

Please complain to the Headlines' owner and do not shop there until such material is removed.

Yohana Knobloch
San Francisco

### TS and Castro Attitude

I came out here to visit a friend and go to the parade. I had planned on moving to your fair city later on in the year, because of job opportunities. In my small town there's no money to be had, but, believe it or not, I'm out of the closet there as a TS and as straight as that town may be, people accept me just fine.

After spending some time in San Francisco, I've decided not to move here. As a MTF transsexual, I found people to be extremely hostile to the point of near violence in one gay bar.

How people rationalize anti-TS sentiment and advocate gay rights is beyond me. I've never been in a town with so much disdain, staring and negativity, especially from white gay men on Castro Street (who I've been told are mostly from the Midwest).

What kills me is the gender-bending play-acting that I see going on with the transvestites here. But when it comes to attitudes about transsexuals, everybody runs and hides! What is that?

Seems like it's OK to talk about being a liberal town and to play with gender, but hell, I can't even walk into a store in this town without "attitude" (as I'm told it's called here).

You should save that "attitude" for the David Dukes, Pat Buchanans, George Bushes and Jesse Helmses of this country who would have our hides if they could!

Remember that if it weren't for the FTMs and MTFs at Stonewall, your asses wouldn't have a place to go to have an attitude!

Kathie Smith
Smalltown, USA

### Michigan Controversy Continues

I picked up your July 2 issue and, after reading Cherise's letter ("Respect Lesbian-Born Women") I just had to dig up back issues to find out what the noise was all about.

As a Jennie-come-lately to the Michigan Women's Music Festival controversy over their policy of excluding transsexuals, I would like to add my five cents.

First, I do not believe in going where I am not welcome. If these misguided and fearful "elitists" want their own space, then so be it.

Second, a male-to-female does not enjoy "male" privilege; in fact, she is relegated to a minority status at the bottom of the ladder and is fair game for discrimination, even from many lesbians.

Third, there is nothing male, macho or masculine in any transsexual I know. In truth, many so-called "womyn" are more manly, macho and masculine than most men I know. I was in the local bar conversing with an ex-lover and taking inventory of a dyke when my ex said, "Too butch for me," and I said, "If I wanted a man I would get a real one."

All fetuses start out as female. At some point in the womb the Y chromosome causes what have been ovaries to descend and thus some children are born with testicles and penises, while some keep the ovaries and develop vaginas. The fact that a womyn's genitalia developed into a vagina and a transsexual's developed into a penis, doesn't really make the womyn any more of a woman, except in her own mind. Being female and being male are biologically determined for the sole purpose of breeding and procreating. Being woman and being man are social constructs, a way of looking at oneself in relation to the world around us. From that aspect there are many men with vaginas and—since I abhor male energy and the male attitude toward violence, aggression and competitiveness—I don't want to associate with these woMEN. They can have their sacred space and festival.

Then again, where would the civil rights movement have been without Rosa Parks or gay pride without Stonewall? I find it amusing that we not only have to contend with homophobes but genderphobes (homophobia turned inward) within our own community.

These womyn are women by an act of nature. They had no choice. We are women by choice and we made that choice (but then again so do a lot of "womyn") in a patriarchy that devalues the feminine.

Fourth, kudos to Christine Tayleur of Tenderloin Self Help, who wrote a wonderful, well-written and thoughtful letter. She makes a point that must be reiterated over and over again until it sinks in to some very thick and opinionated and fearful skulls.

Fifth, shame on Cherise. Her letter had all the earmarks of a self-serving wimp, seeking to ingratiate herself with her "betters."

No lesbian, gay, Black, Asian, or any minority, has any right to demand equality before the law when they themselves practice exclusionary and discriminatory policies.

When Santa Cruz passed its anti-discrimination ordinance, I testified before the citizenry in my status as a transsexual, because the whole argument had degenerated into a fundamentalist vs. gay issue. After my brief speech, I received an ovation from the queer side of the gallery. At that moment the thought occurred to me: How many of them, particularly the lesbians, would invalidate my sense of self, shun me and treat me as a leper? Quite a few. But I didn't do it for them. I did it for me and I did it for the world in which I must live.

A society is inevitably judged by the manner in which it treats its lesser members. And transsexuals, because they are so few in numbers, lack political clout. Because we exist, we raise issues of fear, envy and resentment. Because we lack society's empathy, we are fair game for discrimination.

What goes around comes around and payback time is coming. It is a matter of karma.

A gay-only or a woman-only world is a utopian pipe dream. Our world is too interdependent to ignore "the others." The only thing any of us has a right to demand is equal rights and equal treatment before the law.

If I were a legislator and someone came to me for an equal rights bill, I would tell that person to go back, bring their own community into harmony and end all forms of discrimination within their community before seeking my help. If you want a kinder, gentler society, then start at home, stop bashing your own kind and yourselves.

I am more than amused by the twist of mind that would accept a macho dude with a moustache and beard—and maybe even a penis (female-to-male)—as a woman, yet deny womanhood to the likes of Tula (Carolyn Cossey). There is some really convoluted thinking here, but it is not my problem. Every argument that can be advanced by these womyn is fallacious and can be destroyed. But what is the purpose? Leave them to their own small minds and entropic universe.

An entropic universe is a closed system that eventually collapses in on itself.

And to my friends who define themselves as lesbian, I apologize. This is not a diatribe against lesbians, for I have found many to be fair-minded women. But the elitists are beyond contempt. By their intolerance, they set themselves apart and hurt all alike.

Jennifer Farrar
Santa Cruz

### Pleasure of Olivia

It has been our pleasure to be among the lesbians who have taken cruise ship vacations with Olivia Cruises. We recently cruised to Alaska and cannot find the words to express our thanks to Judy Dlugacz and her excellent staff. From pre-cruise arrangements down to the most intricate details, everything was handled with expertise.

The great work done beforehand by Babs Deitch and Jill Cruse resulted in wonderful entertainment onboard the ship, great excursions onshore and friendly townspeople everywhere we went. Due to great public relations work, the rainbow flag flew from the ship along with the Canadian, United States and Italian flags. The crew of the Costa Riviera and the townspeople of the Inside Passage of Alaska received all of us in a welcoming manner, and hopefully learned lessons about lesbians that will make them more tolerant in the future.

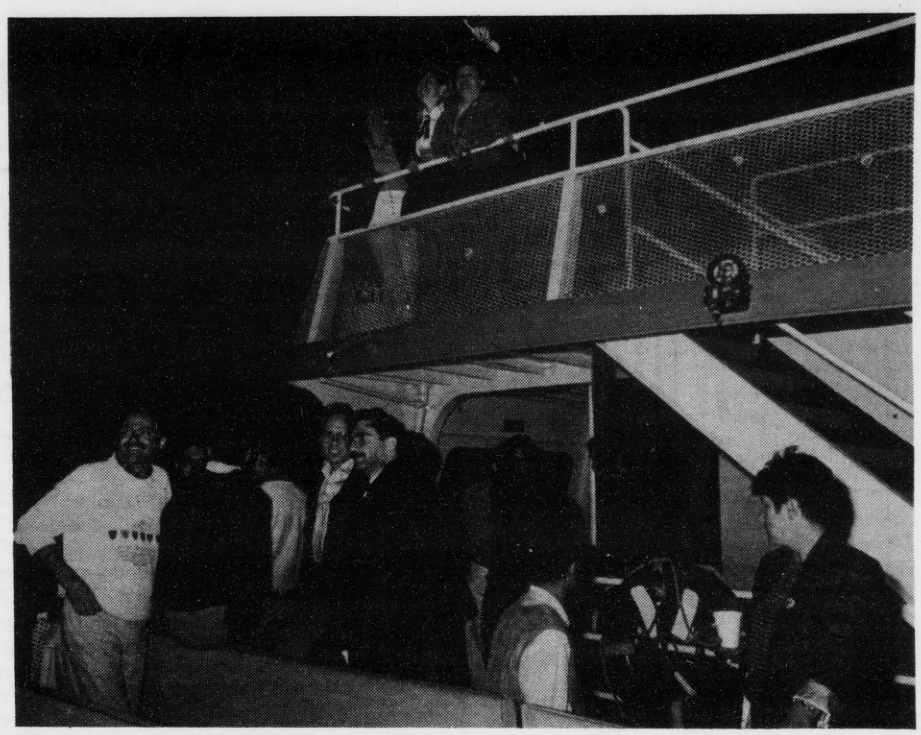
Enough thanks cannot be given to Olivia for the great vacations we are all getting and the great education the public is getting.

Ina Mae Murri
Stella Lopez-Armijo
San Leandro

### Thanks From Frameline

The staff of Frameline would like to thank the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities of the Bay Area for making the 16th San Francisco International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival the most successful ever.

The San Francisco festival is the oldest and largest lesbian and gay film event in the world. This year we presented over 225 films and videos from 15 countries to 38,870 men and women at four theaters in two cities. This is only possible because of the outstanding response that the festival receives from Bay Area residents—those who attend the festival and the



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Our recent festival broke all records for both audience figures and ticket sales ($158,482). Because the ten-day festival costs more than $185,000 to produce, Frameline would also like to thank the individuals, businesses and foundations whose additional donations allowed us to raise the funding needed to produce the annual event.

This support was particularly gratifying due to the festival's loss of funding from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Frameline appreciates the community's support of our work, and is proud to provide significant cultural outlets for new films and videos by lesbian and gay artists. As the organization continues to respond to the evolving needs of our audience, and to the uncertain environment of arts funding and censorship, we look forward to your continued input and support.

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### Civil Rights Restoration Act

Right now a great civil rights bill is working its way through the California Legislature. AB3825, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1992, contains all the provisions of last year's AB101, the lesbian/gay civil rights bill, plus the provisions of a half-dozen other bills.

This bill presents a perfect chance to build coalitions with other communities and, if passed, it would move our state's laws strongly forward. In addition to banning discrimination in housing and employment on the basis of sexual orientation, AB3825 would stop employers from insisting on only using English in the workplace (unless it is necessary for the job), bring state law protecting those with disabilities in line with federal law, restore consumer protections, and strengthen the Fair Employment and Housing Commission's ability to punish discriminators.

We need your help. AB3825 has passed the Assembly and will go to the Senate Appropriations Committee, probably in early August. There is a serious danger that it will die there. To stop this, we are asking people to call David Roberti, President pro Tempore of the state Senate, to thank him for supporting AB3825 and urge him to change the composition of the Appropriations Committee so that the bill will advance. Roberti's number is (916) 445-8390.

We realize that Pete Wilson is likely to veto this—it's way too good for him to sign it. However, we think that it is important to get the bill to him and force him to take a stand on civil rights shortly before the crucial upcoming election. Also, if he feels the heat on AB3825, he might be more likely to sign related pieces of legislation. These include AB2601, a gay-only rights bill that protects our rights through different administrative mechanisms than AB101 or AB3825. It has had some insulting, albeit relative-

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# aids treatment news by john s. james

## Three-Drug Study Begins: AZT Plus ddC Plus Alpha Interferon, in Eight U.S. Cities

Burroughs-Wellcome Co. is now beginning a major study of a three-drug combination—AZT plus ddC plus alpha interferon—in eight U.S. cities. It will compare this three-drug treatment with the two-drug combination AZT plus ddC. The goal of this 76-week study is to see if either regimen can restore T-helper counts to normal (over 800) for at least six months, in volunteers with starting T-helper counts between 300 and 500—and to see if the three-drug combination works better than the two-drug one. The standard doses of AZT and ddC will be used; the alpha interferon dose will be fairly low, 3MU per day. Everyone in the study will get at least AZT and ddC, and there will be no placebo. A total of 250 volunteers will be enrolled, with 125 assigned randomly to each of the two treatment regimens.

This study is important because laboratory tests have shown that the three-drug combination works particularly well against both laboratory strains of HIV, and "wild" strains taken from patients. The combination of AZT and ddC worked substantially better than AZT alone, and better than the other two-drug combinations tried (AZT plus alpha interferon, and AZT plus foscarnet; foscarnet, while best known for its anti-CMV use, also has some anti-HIV activity). But the three-drug combination of AZT, ddC and alpha interferon worked far better than any other regimen tested. What is being measured in all these cases is cytopathic effect, meaning the damage to cells in the laboratory when they are infected by HIV and then treated with antivirals.

The alpha interferon used is Burroughs-Wellcome's Wellferon, which is different from most of the alpha interferon approved in the United States. Wellferon, approved in some European countries for treating hepatitis B but not approved in the United States, is a "natural" alpha interferon, produced by transformed human cells; it contains at least 16 varieties of human alpha interferon. Many brands of alpha interferon, by contrast, are made by genetically engineered non-human cells; they contain only a single variety of the interferon. No one knows if this difference matters when alpha interferon is used as an HIV treatment. But Wellferon was used in the laboratory tests of the three-drug combination, and it will be used in the trial. (Recombinant alpha interferon has, however, often been used in AIDS treatment.)

This study is only open to volunteers with T-helper counts between 300 and 500, who do not have AIDS, and who have had no more than three months of any antiretroviral treatment (such as AZT, ddI, or ddC). The reason for these eligibility criteria is that the drugs may work best if the virus has not already developed resistance to them. This is why patients must not have received AZT, etc. before—or received only a little of it.

The reason for requiring that volunteers have a relatively early stage of disease is that alpha interferon is normally present in the body—and when AIDS develops, this level often becomes abnormally high. Therefore, the patient's virus may already have become partly resistant to alpha interferon, which could cause the drug to work less well in the trial. The selection criteria were designed to find patients who are unlikely to be resistant to any of the three study drugs when they begin the combination treatment.

This does not mean that the combination would not work at later stages of HIV disease, in some patients at least. But for purposes of this trial, the entry criteria were designed to give the treatment the best possible chance to show a successful result. And since AZT, ddC, and alpha interferon are all approved, any U.S. physician can prescribe them; patients who are not in the trial could try the same three-drug combination now, no matter what their T-helper count.

The reason for the entry requirement of a T-helper count no greater than 500 is, presumably, because no antiretroviral treatment is officially recommended at this time for persons with counts greater than 500. Also, it would be hard to know what improvement to look for if T-helper counts started in or near the normal range—especially since there has been little experience so far with anti-HIV drugs in this patient group.

### COMMENT

This study is well-designed. It asks an important question. It could answer that question, and the answer could improve medical practice. And there is an excellent scientific rationale, based on (1) especially good results in laboratory tests for this three-drug combination; (2) the fact that three or more drugs in combination have been needed historically for successful treatment of difficult diseases like tuberculosis and cancer; and (3) the fact that HIV can develop drug resistance very rapidly—which further increases the rationale for combination therapy, since it is unlikely that an organism will develop three or more different kinds of drug resistance simultaneously.

One question which has often been asked is why the two-drug combination AZT plus ddC works as well as it seems to, in the two small studies which have provided all the results we have so far on this regimen. Those studies were in persons with fairly advanced disease; in the most important trial, called ACTG 106, the median T-helper count before patients began the treatment was about 70. One possibility—just a speculation at this time—is that the treatment worked as well as it did because the two-drug combination was really a three-drug combination, since the level of alpha interferon in the patients already at that stage of the disease would be likely to be high. If this is true, then the two-drug combination might not work as well in early disease—unless interferon were added to the regimen.

All this is guesswork, however, until the three-way combination trial is done. Theories and laboratory tests cannot prove that a treatment works in people. The only way to know with confidence is to run a well-designed trial.

This trial is important because, while waiting for better drugs to treat AIDS or HIV, we need to learn how to make the best use of the drugs already available. This three-way combination study is at the leading edge of that effort.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Potential volunteers for this trial should call the study coordinator at a site convenient for them. Volunteers must be at least 13 years old, have T-helper counts between 300 and 500, and not have AIDS; they must not have used AZT or other antiretrovirals for more than three months. There are several other exclusion criteria, mostly for medical conditions (such as anemia) which could increase the risk of using one of the drugs. Note that over 20 visits, for blood work, etc., are required during the course of the 76-week study. The alpha interferon is given once per day by subcutaneous injection, which can be done by the patients themselves at home.

The Bay Area study coordinators for the Burroughs-Wellcome three-drug combination trial can be reached at ViRx, Inc., (415) 474-4440.

## ddC Use Approved With AZT

Late Friday, June 19, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved ddC (brand name HIVID) for marketing to certain patients for combination use with AZT. Developer Hoffmann-La Roche distributed supplies of the drug very rapidly, following plans for quick distribution developed since late 1991. According to the company, ddC was distributed to wholesalers in 12 areas with large numbers of AIDS patients by the day approval was announced—June 22—and nationwide the following day.

Patients now receiving free drugs through the expanded-access program for combination therapy can continue to receive supplies for two months, to give them time to make arrangements with insurance companies or other third-party payers. The ongoing expanded-access program for ddC monotherapy, for patients with AZT intolerance or failure, will continue, but will not add any new patients.

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called ASSIST, for physicians and other health care providers to obtain reimbursement information to help patients pay for ddC plus AZT combination therapy. Health care providers can call the ASSIST Hotline, 1 (800) 285-4484, 9 am to 8 pm EST Monday through Friday, for information about insurance companies and HMOs in all states, and about federal reimbursement programs. The company also has the Roche Indigent Patient Program, started in 1963, which, according to the company, "provides all Roche prescription drugs to patients who have been identified by their physician as unable to pay for treatment." According to a Roche spokesperson quoted in a June 22 press release, "No one in need of a Roche medication will go without it because of their inability to pay."

ddC was approved in Austria on April 7, 1992. Roche has also applied for marketing approval to the 12 European Community members, and to 11 other European countries.

### APPROVED INDICATIONS FOR ddC

The official "labeling" for ddC, approved by the FDA, emphasizes caution, since less is known about this drug (the first drug officially marketed under the FDA's new "accelerated approval" policy) than about most drugs when they are approved. While the drug's safety and toxicity are fairly well known, due to the expanded-access programs which have enrolled over 10,000 patients, there is no definitive proof that the drug is beneficial to patients. Instead, there are two small studies, both of which showed substantially greater T-helper count improvements with the drug combination than would be expected from AZT alone. The following is the first paragraph of the "indications and usage" section of the labeling for ddC:

"Combination Therapy with Zidovudine in Advanced HIV Infection: HIVID (zalcitabine) in combination with zidovudine is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with advanced HIV infection (CD4 cell count 300 cells/mm3) who have demonstrated significant clinical or immunologic deterioration. This indication is based on limited data from two small studies in which zidovudine-naive patients with a CD4 cell count 300 cells/mm3 who were treated with HIVID plus zidovudine had a greater CD4 response than patients treated with zidovudine alone (see "Description of Studies"). Neither study included a concurrent control group taking the currently recommended zidovudine dose of 100 mg q4h, and these studies were not designed to measure the clinical efficacy of the combination. No data are currently available on the combined use of HIVID and zidovudine in patients who have previously received zidovudine monotherapy, although controlled studies are ongoing. At present there are no data available from controlled or uncontrolled studies addressing whether an effect on CD4 cell count would be observed by the addition of HIVID to patients who are currently receiving zidovudine or who had previously been exposed to antiretroviral therapy. Because zidovudine has been shown to prolong survival and decrease the incidence of opportunistic infec-

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# from the heart by joe caruso

## Jamie's Two Moms

*Jamie and his two moms, Lisa Peers and Danica Kurepa, of J2M Productions.*

Jamie's Two Moms sounds like the name of some sitcom on Saturday night TV, but it's not. Jamie's Two Moms Productions is the name of the company that puts on *Whatever Happened to B.B. Jane?* This production company is also known as J2M productions. The J stands for a happy and very energetic young boy, and the two M's stand for his two moms, Lisa Peers and Danica Kurepa. These two women not only raised a son together, but also have the lucky and fun jobs of producing *Whatever Happened to B.B. Jane?*

It all started in Boston: Lisa met Danica; they feel in love and moved to San Francisco—one of the nicest places for gay people to raise children. Lisa was given a role in *B.B. Jane*, and then asked her lover Danica to come by and see the show. Danica did, and she fell in love with the whole concept of *B.B. Jane*. Although it needed some changes, she and Lisa bought the production rights and made the changes, hoping that this play could be another *Beach Blanket Babylon* for San Francisco. "So far, it's been great," Danica says, "This cast is so talented, and the ideas they come up with are all so great."

The show is ever-changing, and when the audience gets into the act, it's a free-for-all of verbal wit from audience to actors. Most of the comments on any given night are directed toward Paul Anelli, who plays Blanche, but watch out, because this actor not only has a sharp wit but a comedic retort for any comment thrown his way.

Danica and Lisa have gone through a lot of changes in their lives. For Danica, a computer programmer for 20 years, the switch to producer has been fun, but at times very hard. She says the actors help her out a lot, and that makes it just that much more enjoyable for her. "After all, actors do have a higher level of energy than people that work with computers—thank God for that."

For Lisa, being an actor for five years before being a producer helped a little bit. However, this is still her first time producing a show. "It is a real lesson in ego," she says. "Being the producer, you have to worry about the actors' needs. For me that is a big change. I am used to being an actor, and someone worring about my needs, but these actors are the best—they have been wonderful to me and for me."

No matter what you read about *B.B. Jane*, believe only this: A drag show is a drag show is a drag show—*but this comedy play ain't no drag show, baby!* There is no lipsynching, only live singing. All of the talent—100 percent—is real. Plus, there are changes every night.

As a real treat, the 100th performance of *B.B. Jane* will be this July 31. It is a special performance, and I've heard that there will be special guests in the audience as well. The tickets for this show will be $20, and include a champagne reception.

"Giving back to the community is a great way to feel complete, and to also teach your children by example how to care for others," Danica told me. Well, give back they do. Many volunteers at nonprofits, as well as people with AIDS, know *B.B. Jane* is free to them. Lisa Peers came up with the idea, providing complimentary tickets to volunteers at AIDS organizations and the PWAs who are helped by them.

"After all, who needs a laugh more than the people helping people and the people that are being helped?" Lisa first started giving tickets to Shanti and then to Project Open Hand. As it stands now, each month $600 in tickets is given away to each of these groups. Danica says she loves the idea of giving tickets away. "It's a much-needed energy boost to both the volunteers and the PWAs, but it really helps the actors, because when you see the play, you as the audience are caught up in a comedic dialogue between yourself and the actors."

Lisa and Danica have also set up reserved seats for the hearing-impaired and made it possible for the theater to be wheelchair accessible. Plus, they have also taken on Project 20 people to work with them (what a way to pay back those parking tickets!). With all these things Lisa and Danica are doing, one thing is clear: They are serving their community right.

*Correction: In my last column, featuring Paul Anelli, I wrote he was playing Jane Hudson instead of Blanche Hudson in* B.B. Jane. *Apologies, Paul! I was enjoying myself so much in the interview, I got the characters' names mixed up. And Paul, ya are Blanche, ya are....*


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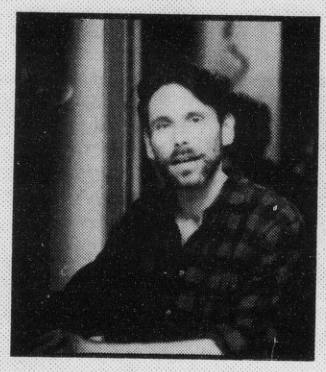

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tions in patients with advanced HIV disease, zidovudine monotherapy should be considered as initial therapy for adult patients with HIV infection who have evidence of impaired immunity (CD4 cell counts of 500 cells/mm3)."

[Note on terminology: Drugs sometimes have three names because a generic drug name different from the familiar chemical name is used; there is also at least one proprietary brand name. Thus ddC (chemical name) is zalcitabine (generic drug name) and HIVID (brand name); until exclusive rights to the drug expire, however, there will only be one brand. Similarly AZT has the generic name zidovudine, and the brand name Retrovir.]

# Mother-Infant Trial Suspended Due to Liability Issues

Abbott Laboratories is refusing to provide HIV Hyperimmune Globulin (HIVIG), a blood product containing antibodies to HIV, for a clinical trial to stop pregnant women from passing HIV to their babies, according to the medical officer for the study.

The decision by Abbott is expected to delay the AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG) 185 for another year; it had already been delayed since April due to contract negotiations with the pharmaceutical company.

Abbott spokeswoman Cathy Babington said the company would still like to provide HIVIG for the trial, but only if the National Institutes for Health agree to waive any product liability. She said negotiations are continuing.

"It's a business decision of Abbott Labs," Babington said. "We had sought assurances that the NIH would waive product liability."

The delay has angered activists. "They're a profiteering company and they don't want it to affect the bottom line," says Vince Maloney of ACT UP/Golden Gate. But Abbott's delay could pose a public relations nightmare because the company is the largest producer of infant formula in the United States. "They're selling formula for infants but they won't do anything to save infant lives," Maloney says.

The activists' anger appears to be supported by doctors associated with the trial who want to see the therapy tested as soon as possible. The trial would provide a combination of AZT and HIVIG to pregnant women with HIV and then the combination therapy would be given to the babies for six months after birth.

"It's a sad statement that promising therapies will be held up because of monetary concerns," says Lynn Mofenson, M.D., the medical director of ACTG 185. "Abbott is insisting the NIH provide 100 percent indemnification, but none of the other companies have that."

The phase III trial is designed to enroll 400 HIV-positive pregnant women at 12 ACTG sites around the country. All the women would be given AZT while half would receive HIVIG and the other half would receive Intravenous Immune Globulin (IVIG), a blood product similar to HIVIG but without any HIV antibodies.

HIVIG is produced by concentrating several liters of blood plasma taken from asymptomatic people with HIV. The blood donors are selected because they have shown a strong immune response to HIV, meaning they are unusually healthy and have a high amount of antibodies. When the concentrated plasma is injected into patients it is expected to boost the immune response against HIV. The plasma is screened for HIV so it is safe and unable to infect healthy cells, according to the research protocol.

ACT UP/Golden Gate held two demonstrations against Abbott Laboratories at the Pacific Stock Exchange in San Francisco. One demonstration was an affinity group action held on Tuesday, July 7, in which three activists stormed the floor of the exchange, disrupting trading there for the first time in history. Launching balloons and a banner reading "Save Babies' Lives, Sell Abbott Labs," the activists were met with a brutal reaction from several stock traders, who tackled them and dragged them from the floor of the exchange. One activist required medical attention after being badly beaten.

The next day, July 8, a formal picketing was held at the stock exchange, attended by over 70 people chanting, carrying signs and handing out leaflets amid cribs filled with toys, and small black coffins and baby shoes splashed with red paint. Over it all sounded the taped wail of a crying baby. "Abbott profits off formula for infants, yet they are unwilling to save infants' lives," said Vince Maloney, of the UCSF Pediatric Advisory Board.

Demonstrations are being planned in other major U.S. cities, as well as in Amsterdam later this month, at the VIII Int'l Conference on AIDS.

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ly harmless, amendments added, but would still be a real step forward.

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### Real Family Values

In keeping with the current discussion of "family values" by our elected leaders, the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women would like to bring to light two pieces of legislation that deserve the attention and support of Bay Area families.

The California State Legislature recently passed the Family Rights Act (AB77), and on the federal level the Family and Medical leave Act will soon be on President Bush's desk.

Both of these bills will require companies with 50 or more employees to allow up to 12 weeks unpaid leave a year, six in the event of: (1) the birth or adoption of a child; (2) serious illness of a child, parent or spouse; (3) serious illness of the employee. Job security, seniority and continual health coverage are guaranteed provisions.

Several states currently have some form of family leave policy in place. Studies have shown that not only are family leave benefits cost efficient, but they contribute to the well-being of the American family.

Although these measures are a big step toward the recognition of the importance of families to our nation, they do not address all areas of family concern. For instance, the issue of coverage for non-traditional nuclear families such as gays and lesbians needs to be included in any legislation. Hopefully, this will be resolved in the future by our state and federal legislators.

It is embarrassing that the United States is the only industrialized country without a family and medical leave policy. These two legislative acts offer us the opportunity to take action instead of "tsk-tsking" about the future of our country's families.

Sharon Johnson
San Francisco Commission on
the Status of Women

### AIDS With a Triangle

I'm writing because of a recent broadcast of Channel 5 KPIX's nightly news, regarding the latest medical advances in the fight against AIDS. On this broadcast was a graphic so offensive to this lesbian artist that I felt I must bring it to the attention of all those who care about the AIDS battle and the fight for gay rights.

The graphic used to introduce the story was simple and blunt: AIDS written in capital letters, with an upside down triangle dotting the capital "I."

In this day and age I had hoped the media and graphic artists would have enough knowledge of the AIDS virus to accept that it is no longer a homosexual disease. It has been about ten years since this plague began, yet the artist who designed KPIX's graphic used the well-known triangle to insinuate—however subtly—to views that AIDS is still a gay disease.

Channel 5 KPIX, you've lost at least one lesbian viewer due to this message. The graphic can be changed much quicker than my anger will be quelled.

Anjanette Schell
Rohnert Park

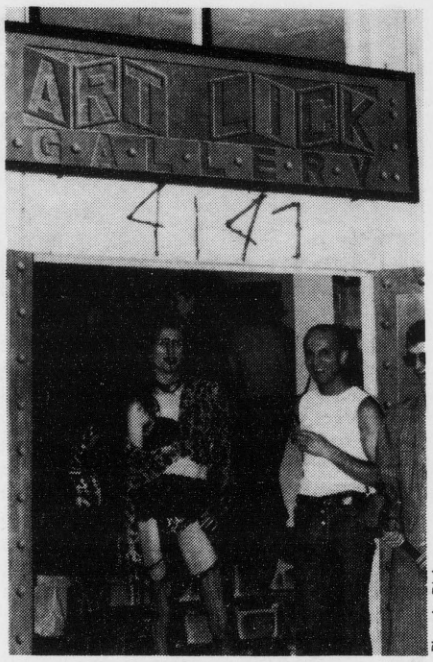
### Choices of Street Actions

*The following is an open letter to the militant protesters at the pro-choice rally, June 29:*

I just spent a couple of hours in the rain with you and hundreds of other demonstrators to register my anger at the Supreme Court decision that effectively overturned the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* ruling.

Once the march reached the steps of the State Building, some of you felt the need to continue marching and disrupt the flow of traffic. The organizers asked that we all stay together, hear the words of activists in the abortion rights movement and disperse to continue building the movement to win back our rights, using a range of tactics. But they also agreed that you were welcome to your choice to continue marching.

As I stood on the rainy steps watching approximately one-third of the protesters move down the street, several screamed back that those who weren't

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*Jerome Caja, smiling with two other artists at his July 12 opening at Art Lick Gallery.*

taking to the streets were responsible for the court decision in the first place.

It is your right to pursue tactics that include reclaiming the city streets as an expression of your rage at the oppressive systems in which we live. I respect that. And at times I've joined you—on the streets and in jail. Is it too much to ask you for similar respect for my decision not to follow you in blocking thoroughfares during rush hour in reaction to the effective overturning of our guarantee of abortion rights?

While I do honor the practice of civil disobedience, including the arrests that accompany those actions, I also honor other organizing tactics and don't think we can afford to scorn any. I don't think getting arrested is always the best thing to do. The point is to build a movement that can eventually change the system we live with. Sometimes taking to the streets and breaking the rules does help to build that movement. Sometimes a spontaneous expression of rage will spark the growth of a movement. But sometimes the spontaneous reaction only yields immediate gratification to the individual protesters and does nothing to build the movement. The unplanned arrest may radicalize someone who wasn't expecting it, but it may also demoralize and turn them off to politics altogether, especially if they are left to deal with the legal system on their own.

In my experience, the biggest problems arise when there is no apparent planning of the purpose and direction of street actions. It seems quite possible that some groups of people may talk before a mobilization about the need to take to the streets, but if such planning is done, the majority of those present at the rally are not consulted or informed of the intent of the action. Nor is it evident that preparations have been made to deal with the criminal justice system once people's actions place them in the middle of it.

In this particular case, I fail to see what was to be won by disrupting traffic. Press coverage of the issue was already guaranteed by the rally—with a clearer message than pictures of people sitting in front of cars or hauled off by the SFPD. The majority of the population is in support of abortion rights, so it's likely most of the people in those cars were as well. Watching apparently irresponsible street actions (I didn't see anyone handing out educational material about why traffic was being stopped) isn't likely to move many non-activists to consider becoming more active. And why get arrested one night for blocking a car or bus when the next day I can try to put a halt to the federal machinery that orchestrated the attack on my rights?

The debate over tactics of civil disruption and disobedience isn't a new one and will probably never be concluded. However, the guilt trip approach is rarely effective on the liberal who opposes civil disobedience on principle. It is more likely that it will impact those of us directly dealing with the racism, sexism, homophobia, ableism and poverty; that we will internalize your message of guilt for not doing enough. Never mind our history, or why we may have decided not to join you this day in the streets. We are sell-outs unless we come with you.

An honest debate can be an important way to help us understand the issues we are confronting and develop long-term strategies for winning our rights. The movement in the Bay Area needs to find an appropriate forum for these debates. Fighting it out in the midst of a rally, however, is not the place for such a debate. Grandstanding during an event itself without getting involved in the hard work of building the movement that made the event possible only undermines the fight for justice. In my book, that is opportunism, regardless of your intent or your rage.

All of us are responsible for the fact that progressive ideas have little official influence in our society. Blaming each other only takes the pressure off the real enemy: a system built on exploitation and oppression and controlled by the class of people who benefit from it. All of us have made mistakes and all of us are sometimes right, and it's possible for all of us to learn from it all. But only if we start with a little respect for our differences.

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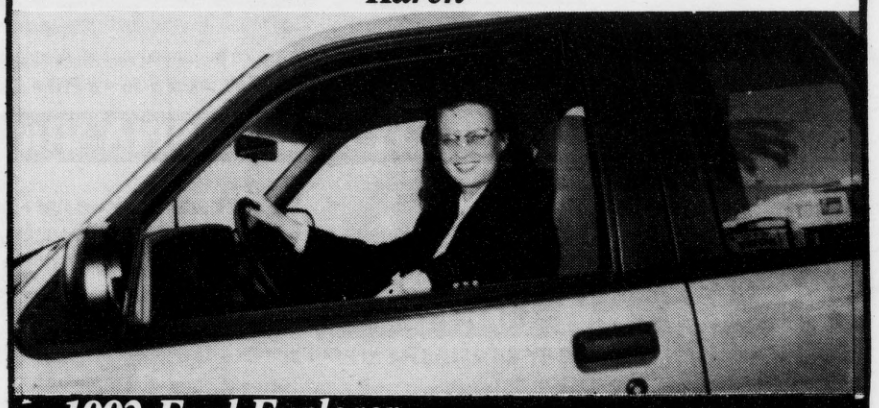
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# (astrology) By Jack Fertig

# Planetary Malignments

I readily admit to a vicious humor, but—believe me—I do not take any pleasure in foreseeing difficult planetary aspects. After all, we all have to get through this together, your semi-humble astrologer no less than you. This week Mercury turns retrograde, and at what may be the most awful degrees of the zodiac these days: in Leo at an opposition to Saturn and quincunx to Uranus and Neptune. The general effect of this is to make folks generally bitchy, stubborn, spacey and arrogant. Nothing goes right and nobody admits to being wrong.

But as the Cosmic Muffin was so eager to remind us, "The stars *impel*; they do not *compel*." To get through this purgatorial phase of celestial cacophony, remind yourself frequently that: (1) Mercury is turning retrograde. It is time to be confronted with mistakes and to look at ways of correcting them, particularly our own; (2) Mercury in Leo can be wonderfully creative and expressive, but it also brings a tendency to overestimate one's own gifts. A little quiet humility and objective self-examination does wonders for honing true creativity. The planetary aspects make this especially difficult. Harsh criticisms and backbiting will be everywhere. Do your best to detach from it all and to defer important decisions. Be kindly and gently self-critical; avoid criticizing others. If you must evaluate others' efforts, try very hard to be supportive, but accurate.

## SUN SIGNS

**ARIES:** You just wanna have fun, which should be just fine. Alas, your innocent efforts at amusement are now carrying undertones of domineering bitchiness. If you care to go to a party in drag as Margot Channing, you can't miss. If you fancy that your creativity and charm can get you ahead at work, you're in for a horrid surprise. This is a good time to re-assess your goals, but privately. You will find mistakes in your plans, but that's OK. You can work them out later. In fact, finding mistakes in your long-range strategies is perhaps the best thing you can do for yourself right now.

**TAURUS:** This is not a good time to visit with Mom, unless you really want to dredge out all the family dirt and issues of personal autonomy. Any family business is likely to get nasty, drawn out and misunderstood. Avoid it as best you can. Community affairs and issues with roommates are also best put off until another day. Private meditation and reflection on issues of religious background and/or spiritual authority can be very illuminating. Not pretty, but illuminating.

**GEMINI:** Idle chatter is not only your stock in trade; you have honed it to an art. So how can it get you into such terrible trouble? Rest assured that this week it can, and all too easily. Your usual intellectual flexibility seems a bit ossified nowadays; your opinions more definite and expressed at the worst times. This would actually be an excellent time for you to listen to challenging new ideas, especially about metaphysics, religion or sex. New learning can be very empowering, so shush and listen.

**CANCER:** Quoth the Bard, neither a lender nor a borrower be. This week is disastrous for financial affairs. Loans and business deals should be avoided as much as possible now. Arguments about money are almost inevitable. The best way to avoid them is to allow for the possibility the other person may be right, and agree to discuss it another time. Politely offer that you will in the meantime consider their sage advice. Any effort to confront the issues head-on will only lead into a nasty power struggle. The good news is that if you make an inventory of your sexiest assets, your self-awareness will radiate and draw tremendous interest. *Happy Birthday: Jim Gilman!*

**LEO:** Your usual radiance of grace and charm can slip away all too easily this week. Alas, that same charm is what makes you an inspiring leader and not just a dreadful control queen. Confusion at work and worries about your health will add fuel to the fires as you try—in utter futility—to manage everything around you. Be flexible, just as adaptable as you can be. Check in with your associates about expectations and agreements. Ask, don't tell! Humility will serve you well, but doesn't come easily. The truly great know how and when to be humble, so you should be able to work it out.

**VIRGO:** The fastidious order of your life is quickly coming unraveled. Congratulations! While the symptoms of change are most disconcerting, the truth is that your subconscious is burbling forth with a chaotic rush of creativity and potential brilliance. Abandon your usual adherence to materialism and logic. Follow the twisted and magickal paths of your brain's right hemisphere. Allow instinct and intuition to reveal itself. If you resist you will only trip yourself up on every little effort to maintain order, so get out the crayons, write your poetry, and have a blast.

**LIBRA:** Your social talents are widely recognized now, and you're in big demand. It's so hard for you to say, "No," but force yourself. Much as you would love to open your home to a worthwhile event, it would only cause you to overextend yourself and turn you into a raving bitch on wheels. Maybe next month. Measure your energies very conservatively, and you can be most helpful in fundraising events where others have the main responsibility. Family events are also sure to wreak havoc. You can preserve some measure of sanity by taking on a task and sticking to it.

**SCORPIO:** You easily take charge in the most difficult of situations. Taking charge now can make the situation even more difficult. The trick, not easily accomplished, is to keep communications open and flexible; be open to new ideas and treat everything as an experiment. Nothing will work out as you expect it should, so allow plenty of room to revise and re-analyze. Work at developing new forms of cooperation and you could come out way ahead. If you force your own way through you will surely be blamed for the inevitable pyrotechnics.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Loquacity was ever your long suit. Now your rambling tongue and exploring mind can lead you into more kinds of trouble than even you might imagine. Heaven knows you can hold your own in any argument, but proving your point can become very expensive. Basic questions of values and priorities are making you very edgy, and you feel a need to prove something. In reality, you need only be able to offer yourself some degree of certainty. An opponent is always set up as an equal: Remember that when you argue with idiots. Better yet, rather than arguing with idiots, confide in friends.

**CAPRICORN:** When it comes to sex, as they say, there are those who talk and then there are those who do. Given any opportunity to talk (beyond the simple and necessary "Yes, let's!" or "No, thank you") you are better off making quiet noncommittal nods and shrugs. Your opinions on the subject are very sharp right now, but will reveal you as being uncertain as to what you really want. The worst of that is that you hate appearing uncertain and will speak out all the more definitely. This becomes a vicious cycle you can do without.

**AQUARIUS:** Your shrewd insights into the character defects of those around you are as sharp as ever. Now go sit in front of a mirror. You will soon come to understand (incorrectly) that you are harsh, judgmental and an absolutely dreadful little person. Well, you are being harsh and judgmental these days, but just as much on yourself as on others. This can be an excellent time to examine the roots of such attitudes. Self-analysis is not very pretty now, but if you can, examine your own ugly little faults; accept them as part of the universal human condition, and work on correcting them. Perhaps others should do the same, but they certainly don't need your help!

**PISCES:** Be very careful of your health these days. It's much too easy to get frantic, work yourself into a tizzy, and drive yourself into a mental or physical breakdown. Slow and easy does it! Getting wrapped up in your own little crises can easily spill over and wreak havoc among your friends. They're having their own problems right now and can't be expected to be of great help. Humble requests, such as, "Life is a mess. Are you free to talk?" are helpful. "Save me or I'll die!" is not. Don't try to help others, but—if your own situation is in order—be willing to help as asked.

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## JULY 16 / THU

**10th Annual LA Int'l Lesbian** & Gay Film Festival runs thru 7/18, spons by the Gay & Lesbian Media Coalition (GLMC). Over 100 feature films, documentaries, shorts & videos from over a dozen countries, plus panel discussion, seminars & major retrospectives. Call GLMC (213) 650-5133.

**Men's Trip to Larkspur:** Free trip for senior gay men, spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outeach to Elders). Ferry leaves at 10:45 am from the Ferry Bldg, foot of Market Street, SF, returns at 1:45 pm. Info: 626-7000.

**Rainbow's End;** lesbian, gay & bisexual youth group for youth ages 21 & under, spons by Spectrum, the Center for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Concerns. 5:30-6 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors, 6-7:30 pm gen'l mtg. Tonight & 7/23 & 30. Info/location: 457-1115.

**"Coming to Terms:** Homosexuality in the Early Work of Robert Rauschenberg," talk by Jonathan Katz of the Dept of Gay & Lesbian Studies, City College of SF. $6 general, $4 stdnts & srs. 7 pm in the Board Room, 4th floor, SF Museum of Modern Arts, 401 Van Ness Ave at McAllister, SF.

**Colors United** Grand Opening Celebration features exotic dancing with Kokomotion, Leah & Rainbeau. Complimentary champagne & hor d'oeuvres, variety of beats by DJ Jam & She Mixalot. 7-9 pm at 10 Hegenberger (across from the Airport Hilton), Oakl. Info: (510) 568-9282. $10. Benefit for Women Loving Women.

**Palo Alto Lesbian Rap** Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA in Palo Alto. Topic: Bisexuality. For info/directions call Marilyn (415) 969-1260 or Lynn (408) 723-4196. All women are welcome!

**At Sisterspirit** Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Author/sex activist Susie Bright reads from her new book of essays, *Susie Bright's Sexual Reality: A Virtual Sex World Reader*. Reading & booksigning at 7:30 pm, free. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

**Author Walter Mosley (***Devil in a Blue Dress***)** reads from his new novel, *White Butterfly*. 7:30 pm, free. A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

**New Horizons** Mtg: Social/support group for young adults in their 20s. Tonight's topic: The Isms—Racism, Sexism, Ageism. 7:45 pm drop-in for new members, 8-9:30 pm mtg. Marin YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Info: 457-3523.

***Parking Karma*** with Deborah Pardes. Trio present an eve of acoustic rock music. 8 pm, $6. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

**At Old Wives' Tales** Bookstore: Author Dorothy Allison (*Trash*) reads from her long-awaited novel, *Bastard Out of Carolina*. 8 pm, $3-10 (no one turned away for lack of funds). Proceeds benefit Women's Voices, the cultural events series of Old Wives' Tales Bookstore. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.

**John Epperson** in "Lypsinka! Now it can be Lipsynched," at Josie's Cabaret: Celebrated NY performer returns to Josie's with his new drag, lipsynching tour de force, a shocking expose of the on and off stage life of Lypsinka. Show runs Tues-Sun at 8 pm thru 8/2, with added 10 pm shows on 7/17 & 31. Tix $12 on Tues, Wed, Thurs & Sun, $15 on Fri & Sat. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

**Of Mice & Men**: Actors Theatre benefit performance of Steinbeck's classic drama. 8 pm, $18. Includes champagne buffet reception with cast following performance. Proceeds benefit the SF State Players Club, producers of Brown Bag performances for students. For info/res: 296-9179.

**At Old Wives'Tales** Bookstore: Author Dorothy Allison (*Trash*) reads from her long-awaited novel, *Bastard Out of Carolina*, a "mean story" of growing up poor in South Carolina. 8 pm, $3-10 (no one turned away for lack of funds). Proceeds benefit Women's Voices, Old Wives' Tales cultural events series. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

**At the I-Beam:** *HEMI* and guests. 9 pm, free. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

**Comedy Night at El Rio** with Danny Williams, Maureen Brownsey, Lisa Geduldig, Rocky Cologne. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

## JULY 17 / FRI

**Women's Spirituality Group** Summer Retreat at Rainbow Ranch in Calistoga. Spons by Spectrum, Center for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Concerns. For info/reg: 457-1115.

**19th Annual Women's Gathering:** Today thru 7/19. Wkend of relaxed sharing, workshops & entertainment on beautiful woman-owned land. Vegetarian meals. SL fee, work exchange available. Pre-reg required, deposit $10. Info/reg: Womansource 488-1907. **GAPA Community HIV Project**: Gay Asian Pacific Alliance seeks volunteers to participate in a free, 18-hr emotional & practical support training, today thru 7/19. Volunteers make a 6-month commitment to help Asians & Pacific Islanders with HIV disease. Info/interview Lori Lee 575-3939.

**Great America Trip** for People with AIDS/HIV: Spons by Shanti Project's Activities Program. A day of wild & wacky roller coasters & splashy rides. Tix available at greatly discounted prices. Sign-up required (trip repeats on Aug 5). Info: 777-2273.

**At Dark Carnival Bookstore:** Award-winning author John Varley (*Millenium, The Titan Trilogy*) reads from his new novel, *Steel Beach*. 6-8 pm, 2978 Adeline St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7757.

**Summer Camp for Women:** Thru 7/20. Includes workshops on play for the child within, improv, talent shows, healing self-exploration, arts & crafts, treasure hunt, music & song, campfires, slumber parties & more. Led by Laura Rifkin & Karen Ripley. A clean & sober event. Info/reg: (510) 287-8870.

**"Eating for the Planet** & Your Health," an informal potluck & discussion spons by the Sierra Club & EarthSave Foundation. Come find out about environmentally correct eating, sample tasty, creative foods. Please bring your favorite vegetarian or vegan (non-dairy) dish. Everyone welcome! 7-9 pm at 3220 Gallery, 3220 Sacramento St btwn Lyon & Presidio, SF. Info: 931-0515.

**See *Strangers*** *in Good Company*, a poignant & funny film about 7 elderly women on a bus trip. 7 pm. Refreshments sold. Proceeds benefit OWL (Older Women's League). Unitarian Church, Franklin & Geary Sts, SF.

**Author Alice Walker** reads from her new novel, *Possessing the Secret of Joy*. 7:30 pm, free. Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

**Ballet legend Rudolf Nureyev** makes his West Coast conducting debut with the University of California Orchestra at Masonic Auditorium, 1111 California St at Taylor, SF. Proceeds benefit UCSF research & the UCSF orchestra. 8 pm, $15-50; $250 concert & post-concert dinner. Info/res: City Box Office 392-4400 & BASS or UCSF Arts & Performances 476-2542.

**John Epperson** in "Lypsinka! Now it can be Lipsynched," at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/16.

**Spoken Word Meets Rap:** Beat poet Diane di Prima and her daughter Dominique, star of KRON-TV's "Home Turf" rap & teen talk show, perform together at SF 's Wordland. Show also includes poet Eileen Kaufman and rap groups The Dominators, MC Spice & Aztlan Nation, plus spoken word powerhouses Don Bajema & Daniel Higgs; hip hop, house & techno music spun by Bay Area mix master DJ Bob-on-Disc. Doors open at 8:30 pm; spoken word, rap & dancing 9 pm-midnight. At the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Tix $4, portion of proceeds benefit the Assoc for the Creative Endeavor, a Santa Rosa-based creative arts organization.

**Back-to-back screenings** of Artists' Television Access' weekly cable TV show of video from the Bay Area & beyond. 8:30 pm, $3-5. ATA, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

**Gender Talk** program with humorists DL Alvarez & Barbara Hammer. Alvarez deals with a world teeming with drag queens & fetishists, Hammer exposes a dysfunctional family thru the eyes of an adolescent girl. 9 pm, $5. Part of Spoken Word Savages series at the Elbo Room, 647 Valencia St, SF. Info: 558-8112.

**At the I-Beam:** *The Beautiful, Lung* and *Pieces of Lisa*. 9 pm, free. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

**Ecstasy Lounge**, "a new concept in lesbian erotic environments," invites you to witness hundreds of hot women in underwear! Come—wear your favorite lingerie or underwear—and play with us! Experience a brief moment in herstory tonight at EROS, The Center for Safe Sex, 2051 Market St at Church, SF. Doors open 9 pm-2:30 am, play until 4 am. All women are welcome! For more info call the hotline 267-6915.

## JULY 18 / SAT

**Skydancing Tantra:** The Art of Sexual Ecstasy. A wkend retreat with Margo Anand and Deva Kosha. Today is the deadline for reduced fee registration for this workshop (8/28-30) on how to explore sexual energies, bring humor & fun to your lovemaking, create & share tantric rituals that awaken the senses. No explicit sexual exchange during workshop sessions (but you do get optional "homeplay" assignments!). For individuals & couples. Held at Harbin Hot Springs, Middletown, Calif. $425 fee includes tuition, meals & lodging. $395 if you register by today. Call 388-0431 for info/reg.

***Elderflower Womenspirit*** Festival: Held 8/13-16 at a private campground in Mendocino. Registration open now, call 285-5669 for details.

**Electrical: Basic** Home Repair Wkshop: Learn how to repair wires & plugs on your lamps, vacuum cleaner & other appliances. Also learn how to wire switches & outlets, and attach fixtures. Taught by Women Empowering Women, a tradeswomen organization; spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. 9 am-4 pm, $35-55 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. UCSF, Room N517, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Pre-reg required, call 476-5222 for info.

**Redwood Park Run** with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take 580 to 35th Ave or Hwy 13 to Redwood Road. Go east toward hills on 35th/Redwood. Continue on Redwood approx 2 1/2 miles past Skyline Blvd. Entrance to park is on left. Meet 9 am inside park at last parking lot. Parking fee, free offstreet parking at entrance. Info: Roz (510) 329-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

**Great America Trip** for HIV positives, spons by AIDS Health Project. 9 am-3:30 pm, $20 covers admission costs & driver expenses. Limited to 49 participants. Meet under Market St Safeway sign, Church & Market Sts, SF. Info/RSVP: Brian 386-2103.

**LifeWork Seminar for Gay Men:** Deadline for registration is today, see 7/25 listing for details.

**Zen Hospice Project** Public Wkshop: "Cultivating Compassion: A Mindful Approach to Serving People with Chronic or Life-Threatening Illness." A 2-day wkshop for individuals caring for family or friends, and professionals in related fields, offering an intro to meditation practices of awareness & forgiveness, includes presentations & exercises on grief work, communication, massage & family dynamics. 9:30 am-4 pm, $100. Ft Mason Center, SF. Proceeds benefit the Zen Hospice Project. CE credit available for nurses. Info: 863-2910.

**Women's Picnic** at Muir Beach, spons by Gay & Lesbian Sierrans. 5th annual summer picnic & BBQ—bring something to grill, a potluck lunch item and your wonderful self! Meet 10 am at Thrifty Drugs, Church & Market St, SF, or at Muir Beach. Call (510) 848-4564 for directions/info.

**South of Market Health Fair '92:** Spons by UCSF AIDS Health Project and the South of Market Health Center: Free medical services including blood pressure checks; TB, cholesterol & anemia testing, breast exams and anonymous HIV antibody testing. Also free dental info & safe sex kits. All service available in the languages & culture of the neighborhood—Tagalog, Chinese/Mandarin, Spanish & English. Also live music by the *Zone*, face painting for kids, ethnic foods & lots of fun! 10 am-4 pm, 551 Minna St, at 6th & 7th, Mission & Howard, SF. Info: 626-2951.

**Theater Artaud 4th Annual** Performance Marathon: More than 60 cutting-edge dancers, musicians, actors, performance & visual artists perform at this primary fundraiser for Theater Artaud. $5 gets you unlimited access on a space available basis throughout the day (11 am-midnight). Performances limited to 10 min, include diverse artists & groups including Alex de Grassi, Rhodessa Jones, Marilyn Pittman, Pussy Tourette, Contraband, Pamela Z, The Butt Boys, ODC, Dziga Vertov Performance Group, Boys Night Out, Underworld Opera Co, African Queens, Laurie Amat, Johnny D, SF Gay Men's Chorus, Sachiko Nakamura, Remy Charlip, Kulintang Arts, Nina Wise, Nao Bustamante, Sara Felder, Deborah Slater, Margaret Wingrove Dance Co, Knee Jerk Dance Co, Lily Cai Chinese Dance, Thick Description, and many others. Also door prizes, give-aways, lots of fun! Info: 621-7641.

**Money, Love, Intimacy** & Power: Wkshop for couples at A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store. Led by Stefan Smith. Learn how money helps to establish the balance of power in relationships, and how it can be used to build greater intimacy. Noon-4 pm, $65 couples, $40 singles. 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

**How to Make a Whipping** Feel Good: Part 1 of a 2-part class led by Pat Califia & Robin Sweeney. It's easy to use a whip to inflict intense pain, but much more difficult (and fun) to use it to create many subtle levels of sensation. Learn how to at this discussion & demo. Spons by QSM, part of their artistic & educational series for the s/m community (see 7/25 for part 2). $15 for this class, $35 for both classes. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome! Doors open at 12:30 pm, class 1-3:30 pm in a private SF space. Info: QSM 550-7776.

**Afernoon Delight** at El Rio with BACW: Bay Area Career Women Dance—3-7 pm, 3158 Misson St (off Army), SF. $7 adv, $10 at door. Call 495-5393 for info.

**At A Different Light** Bookstore: *Gay Comix* editor Andy Mangels & friends discuss their latest issue. 5 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

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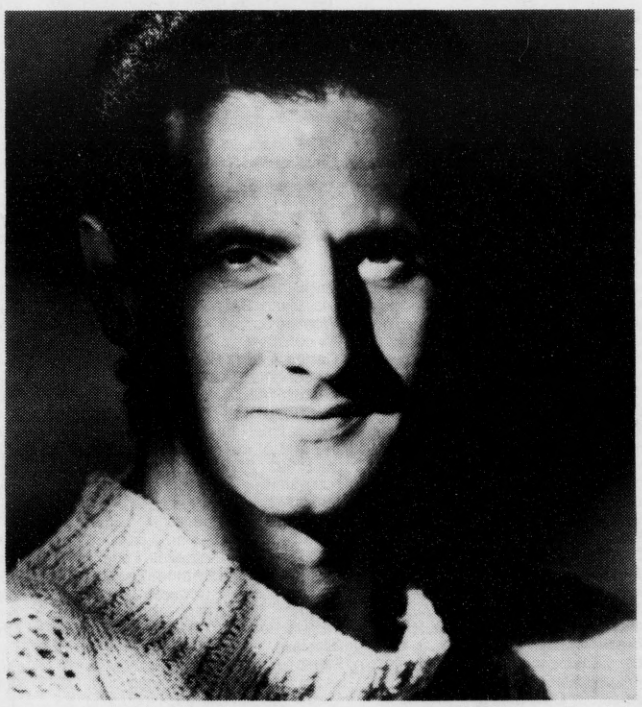
**Dancer/choreographer Liz Ozol from "The Propaganda Series," July 24-26. See OnStage for more info.**

**"Making a Name for Ourselves" extends its run at Asian American Theatre Center's Main Stage, thru Aug. 2. OnStage has details.**



**"An Evening With Joseph Abboud," an AIDS benefit at I. Magnin, July 23.**

**Stephanie Heyl in "The Beginning of Time (And How We Kept It in Line)," July 18 at KBBK Studios. See Calendar for info.**

**BWMT Rap/Social:** Join Black & White Men Together & learn about Gay & Lesbian Sierrans—slideshow presentation of the group's outings, discussion of environmental protection. Doors open at 6:30 pm, rap starts promptly at 7. 1350 Waller St nr Haight & Masonic, SF. Everyone welcome! Refreshments served. Donation suggested.

**10th Annual LA Gay & Lesbian** Film Fest closes tonight with the premiere of the zany comedy, *Inside Monkey Zetterland*, the bizarre tale of an oddball family, written by & starring cult favorite Steve Antin, at 7 pm; followed by the LA premiere of Austria's *Flaming Ears*, a lesbian-themed sci-fi saga, at 9 pm. Tix $20 (includes reception). Regular tix for this festival which runs thru 7/18 are $10. Call Gay & Lesbian Media Coalition (GLMC) at (213) 650-5133 for details.

**"Safety in Numbers,"** PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) presents a performance featuring Master Yu Wen Mei from China, Sensei Miyako Tanaka from Japan, and some of the US's finest women martial artists—entertaining 2-hr program presents a full range of martial arts styles from the familiar Taiji Quan & karate to more esoteric arts such as naginata (the traditional weapon of the female samurai) and capoeira, the martial art created by African slaves in Brazil. 7-9 pm, $10 gen'l, $6 stdnts, $3 kids under 12. Proceeds benefit PAWMA & A Safe Place rape crisis & counseling center. Knuth Hall, SF State University, 19th & Holloway, SF. Info: 665-6305.

**At A Different Light** Bookstore: Contributing playwrights Sky Gilbert & Colin Thomas join editor Robert Wallace in a reading of work from the new anthology of Canadian gay drama, *Making, Out*. 7:30 pm, 489 Castro St, SF.

**AIDS Benefit Concert:** "A Soiree with Contrabass," program with bassist Karen Zimmerman, accompanied by violin, piano & voice. Night of innovative music to benefit Home Care Companions, a nonprofit which teaches home care skills to people with AIDS & their caregivers. 7:30 pm at the Neptune Society Columbarium, 1 Loraine Court, SF. Tix $15. Info: 221-1838.

**Ohhh...Henry!** Susan Rode Mossis, soprano, and harpsichordist Phebe Craig perform songs of Henry Purcell, part of Eine Kleine Sommermusik, First Congregational Church of Berkeley's summer music concert series. Tonight's program also includes the *Wolford-Rosenblum Duo* performing works by Cimarosa, Rossini, Gershwin & others. 8 pm, $10 gen'l, $8 stndts & srs. Dana, btwn Channing & Durant. Info: 252-7149.

**At Thunder Bay:** *Severence, Changing* and *Mind Arc*. 8 pm, $5. One Bolivar Drive at Addison (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 843-0405.

**At the I-Beam:** *Counting Crows, Hobo* and *The Woodburning Project*. $5. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

**"Street Dance, Street Song,"** KMEL & Dimensions Dance Theater present a night of the syncopated beat of hip hop blended with traditional African dance, performed by Dimensions Dance Theater and The College Boyz. 8 pm, $15 adv, $18 at door; $15 srs & kids under 12. Scottish Rite Center Theater, 1547 Lakeside Drive (one block north of 14th, across Lake Merritt), Oakl. Tix at BASS or Marcus Bookstore, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-2466.

**"The Beginning of Time** (& How We Kept It in Line)": Performance piece by Stephanie Heyl at KBBK Studios, 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF. Heyl uses comedy & storytelling to creates an intriguing mythology of how things came to be the way they are, and what to do about it now. 8 pm, $8. Limited seating, call 563-9046 for info/res.

**John Epperson** in "Lypsinka! Now it can be Lipsynched," at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/16.

**Contemporary Chamber Music** Concert with Kate Stenbeck, flute; Anne Lerner, cello & Renee Witon, piano. Works by Bay Area composers Robert Hughes & Enric Zappa, plus *Scrivo in Vento* for flute alone by Elliott Carter and Trio for flute, cello & piano by Ned Rorem, plus music by Debussy & Bach. 8 pm, free. SF Community Music Center, 544 Capp St, btwn 20 & 21st, SF. Info: 647-6015.

**At Thunder Bay:** *Severence, Changing* and *Still. 8 pm, $5. One Bolivar Drive at Addison (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-0706.*

**A-Video-Toe** presented by ATA (Artists' Television Access). Night of screening of music videos by Bay Area local bands, musicians & video artists. 8:30 pm, $3-5 SL fee. 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

**At Sisterspirit** Women's Bookstore: Comic Maureen Brownsey! 8:30 pm, $6-8. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

**At the I-Beam:** *Counting Crows, Hobo* and *The Woodburning Project*. 9 pm, $5. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

**Alternative Music Night** at El Rio with *Hockaloogie, Nothing Committee* and others. 10 pm-2 am, $5 cover. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

**Gay Comedy Night** at Josie's Cabaret with comics Danny Williams, Amy Boyd & Maureen Brownsey. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

## JULY 19 / SUN

**AIDS Walk SF:** Thousands gather in SF's Golden Gate Park to participate in northern Calif's largest AIDS fundraising event. 6th annual walk raises millions of dollars to combat AIDS. 9 am: sign-in. 9:30 am: opening ceremony. 10 am: 10-K walk begins. For info call 392-WALK for fax 392-8707.

**Today's the deadline** to find out about the Marin BACW (Bay Area Career Women) Softball Picnic—see 7/26 listing for details.

**Canoe & BBQ** River Adventure spons by Sonoma BACW (Bay Area Career Women). A flotilla adventure on the Russian River—float or flounder, you'll have a great time! Plus delicious BBQ feed at the end of the trip! Canoe plus BBQ costs $22, BBQ only, $8.50. Reservations deadline: 7/9. Info/reg: Louise (707) 833-2303.

**LIPS** (Lesbian Installation Projects) invites women to participate in art workshops in their studios. Paper making & papier-mache modelling today & 8/23 at 10:30 pm. Come eat, drink & be creative! Registration required, call Pamela Barnes (510) 222-4552 for info/details.

**Picnic for Old Lesbians** & their friends, spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). 11 am-4 pm in Tilden Park, SF. Call Pat Durham 626-7000 for info.

**Hortiphiles Petaluma Excursion** to Garden Valley Ranch Nursery. Meet 11 am at 498 Pepper Rd, Petaluma, for rose nursery tour and talk; re-convene at Union Hotel in Occidental for lunch and an afternoon of Russian River boutique-nursery hopping. Newcomers welcome! Hortiphiles is a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy plants & gardening. For carpool info call Dan 626-3047; for other details call the Hortline 851-1022.

**Hot Latin Lunch** Program for people with AIDS/HIV, spons by Shanti Project's Activities Program: Features box lunch & music from Latin America. At Stern Grove, SF. Info: 777-2273.

**TribalPlay** Wkshop: Gathering of men "to befriend the playful, adventurous, irresistible kid in each other" with an afternoon of celebration, participatory activities, and physically and emotionally safe sex. Doors open at 1:30 pm, workshop 2-5 pm at 848 Divisadero St, SF. $15 (two for $20—bring a buddy!)

**Salsa Garden Party** at El Rio with *Orquesta Salsa Saliente*. 3158 Mission St, SF. 4-8 pm, $7. Info: 282-3325.

**G Forty Plus Mtg:** 2-4 pm at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF. Healer Henry Kersh & some of his patients discuss the practice of Chirothesia, an ancient means of healing thru medication & related methods, including the laying on of hands. Info: 552-1997.

**Solano AIDS Task Force** & Scarlett's presents "AIDS Benefit & Celebrity Auction," hosted by comic Marilyn Pittman. Includes a number of articles donated & autographed by famous personalities including Carol Burnett, Bill Cosby, Sally Field, Crystal Gayle, Jay Leno, Joanne Woodward & Paul Newman, Buck Owens, Arnold Palmer, Burt Reynolds, Dave Winfield and many others. Also housewares, appliances & gift certificates. 5-8 pm at Scarlett's, 412 Georgia St, btwn Sonoma Blvd & Marin St, Vallejo. All proceeds benefit the Solano AIDS Task Force. Info: (707) 553-5033.

**Haitian musician/activist** Manno Charlemagne, "The Bob Marley of Haiti," gives a concert featuring a wide range of folksongs in Creole & French, plus passionate songs, speaking out against political injustice. 7 pm, $8. Proceeds benefit the Haitian resistance movement. First Congregational Church, 27th & Harrison, Oakl. Spons by Global Exchange and the Bay Area Haitian American Council. Info: 255-7296.

**Modern Times' Grand Opening Party:** Modern Times Bookstore Collective invites everyone to celebrate their new location (and new collective member Allison Bailey!). 7-10 pm with Latin American acoustic rhythms by Erika Luckett & Jacqueline Rago. Refreshments served. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

**Course in Miracles** Study Group spons by Marin BACW (Bay Area Career Women). Focus on promoting personal & spiritual growth. Meets Wed 7-9 pm, ongoing. Info/location: Sharon 453-9317.

**Bisexual Women's Group** meets 7:30 pm at Unitarian Church, 505 East Charleston, btwn Alma & Middlefield, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: "What Do Bisexuals Have in Common?" Info: Susan 493-0406. Small donation requested.

**John Epperson** in "Lypsinka! Now it can be Lipsynched," at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/16.

**"Ace in Your Face"** 2nd year anniversary screening for Ace in Your Face, Ace Washington's long-running cable access program focusing on federal, state & city issues that affect the African American community—affirmative action, drug abuse, childcare & other issues. 8:30 pm, $3-5 SL fee at Artists' Television Access (ATA), 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

**See *Portrait of a Marriage***, a 3-part "Masterpiece Theatre" presentation based on Nigel Nicholson's account of the marriage of his parents, writer Vita Sackville-West and statesman Harold Nicholson. Story focuses on the couple's early years together and Vita's infatuation with Violet Kepple Trefusis. 9 pm, KQED TV Channel 9.

## JULY 20 / MON

**Phone Zap AIDS Discrimination!** Call Qual Med HMO on their refusal to pay for off-label treatment, out of town emergencies, DHPG in hospice: (800) 372-8200; (510) 465-1400, 287-4626, 287-4572. For info call Qual-Med HIV Patients Union: (510) 547-7538.

**Lesbians Over 45:** Ongoing leaderless support group has 3 openings available for the right women, single or in a relationship, to complete our circle. Looking for women who are outgoing, involved in self-exploration, have some experience with therapy and/or group dynamics. You must also be interactive & willing to take emotional risks in a safe & supportive environment. Wkly Mon night commitment to this SF-based group necessary. Call 221-2361 for more info.

**Marin BACW Dines Out**—today's the reservations deadline for this month's feast! See 7/23 listing for details.

**Klubstitute Queer Niteclub** & Cabaret presents "Sondheimania!" an all-star musical tribute to fave bachelor Stephen Sondheim. Eve begins with a full hour of overtures from various Sondheim musicals at 7 pm, followed by live portion of the program at 8—extra-talented performers sing, lypsynch & Goddess knows what else to the Sondheim vehicle of their choice. A delightfully witty night of fun—7-midnight—at Life on the Water, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg B, SF. 3rd floor. Tix $6-10 SL. Proceeds benefit Life on the Water. Info/res: 776-8999.

***The Ninemile Wolves:*** Discussion with author Rick Bass at A Clean, Well-Lighted Place for Books. In 1989, a black Wolf from Canada gave birth to a litter of pups near Marion, Montana. By fall, she became the focus of political infighting, editorials & studies, an object of hatred, affection, fear & pity. Author Rick Bass, an advocate of wolf re-introduction, gives an emotional & critical discussion of the proper relationship between humans & nature. 7:30 pm, free. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

**WHAM/Bay Area** (Women's Health Action & Mobilization), women's direct action group, meets 7:30 pm at New College, 777 Valencia St at 19th, SF. All women who believe health care is political are invited to attend. Info: 985-7141.

**At Thunder Bay**: *Classy Trash, Bad Child* and *Black Avenue*. 8 pm, $5. One Bolivar Drive at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 843-0405.

**Gay Comedy Open Mike** at Josie's Cabaret with MC Maureen Brownsey. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

**Live Music at Paula's** Clubhouse: Dick Van Poppin presents "8 IS Enough," eight live bands, 8 pm-2 am, $3. 3160 16th St, SF. Tonight & 7/27. Info: 621-5877.

***Off-Color Miracle*** perform at the Hotel Utah in SF. 9 pm. Don't miss!

**At the I-Beam:** *Wolfgang Press* and special guests. 9 pm, $8 adv, $10 at door. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

## JULY 21 / TUE

**ODC/SF lecture/demo:** Choreographer Brenda Way discusses the making of "Ghosts of An Old Ceremony," part 1 of "Western Women: An Orchestral Trilogy." 6 pm, $10. Includes refreshments. New Performance Gallery, 3135 17th St, SF. Info/res: 863-6606.

**"Lettice & Lovage"** benefit for Shanti Project. The Shanti Summer Premiere series continues with Julie Harris in a performance of "Lettice & Lovage," the story of a hilarious two-woman crusade against the faults of modern society. Benefit ticketholders enjoy the glamorous post-show cast party. For tix & other info call Elaine Jennings 584-3354 or Mark Fantone 777-2273.

**"The Radiance Technique,"** a talk by Michael O'Leary at Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7 pm, free. Info: 775-0227.

**Gay Men's Sketch/Folsom:** Male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by posterboy and *Lust* model Marcus Allen. 7 pm, $12. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.

**Gay/Lesbian Sierrans** Monthly Mtg: 7:30 pm at 730 Polk St, SF. Tonight's topic: "Restoring SF Bay & Estuary." Free.

**Sea Snakes**, gay & lesbian scuba club, meets 7:30 pm. Topic: Underwater Photography—How to take photos to die for. Free, everyone welcome. #1 St Francis Place (3rd & Folsom), SF, in the community room.

**"Healing Through Integrity,"** a radio call-in show presenting information about HIV & AIDS issues, spons by Seeing Beyond. Hosts: Steven Smith, certified awareness counselor, and Margot Dakan, inner child group leader. Today's guest: Gregg Cassin, creator of the Healing Circle. 7:45-9 am on KEST 1450 AM.

**At Thunder Bay** tonight: *Elvis Hitler, Pieces of Lisa* and *Hells Kitchen*. 8 pm, $5. 1 Bolivar Drive at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-0706.

**John Epperson** in "Lypsinka! Now it can be Lipsynched," at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/16.

**At the I-Beam:** *The Fluid* with special guests. 9 pm, $7. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

## JULY 22 / WED

**Older Lesbians Support Group** meets noon-2 pm. Bring a bag lunch. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000.

**NGLTF** (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) meets 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF.

**Beer/Soda Bust** to benefit the Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California. 7-11 pm at Headquarters Bar, 469 Castro St, SF. $6 includes all the beer/soda you can consume, plus one raffle ticket for a 50/50 raffle. Guest appearances by Int'l Mr Leather Lenny Broberg, SF Ms Leather Lupe Rosenbaum and GLHSNC Advisory Committee member Alan Selby. Event produced by Leathermen Philip M Turner & Greg L Pennington, call 621-8550 for more info. See you there!

**S/M Relationships:** Keeping Them, Enjoying Them, Surviving Them: S/M can add a level of intensity to relationships that makes intimacy even greater & problems more difficult. Discuss the issues in this discussion class led by JC Collins. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. $15. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome! Spons by QSM, part of their educational & artistic series for the s/m community. Info: 550-7776.

**Llumination:** Tool for Transformation. New experience used to bring the mystery & magic of tarot to life. Creator Alex Young uses this oracle to provide answers at tonight's workshop. 7:30 pm, $5 at A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store. Bring a question to ask! 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

**Sex activist/author Susie Bright** reads from her new book & new anthology, *Susie Bright's Sexual Reality: A Virtual Sex Reader* and *Herotica II: Women's Erotic Fiction*. Several contributors from *Herotica II* will read from their works, including Lisa Palac, editor of *FutureSex* magazine and Marcy Sheiner, editor of *On Our Backs*. 7:30 pm at Good Vibrations, 1210 Valencia St, SF. Info: 550-0827.

**Bondage Party** spons by Bondage Buddies. Play nite for guys into the scene & for interested partyboys. Fully equipped play space. 8 pm, $10. Info/location: 292-3228.

**New Music Series** at The Marsh features vocalist Julie Queen, pianist Mary Fleming and guest performers in an eve of outrageous & eclectic cabaret. 8 pm, $5 tonight & 7/29. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.

**At Thunder Bay:** Joseph Brinckman & *The Conspiracy of Equals, Bone Coots* and *Living Recks*. 8 pm, $5. One Bolivar Drive at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 843-0405.

**John Epperson** in "Lypsinka! Now it can be Lipsynched," at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/16.

**At Paula's Clubhouse:** *The Pleshettes* and *Carpenteria*. 8 pm-2 am, $3. 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.

**At Faster Pussycat!** *The Pleshettes* and *Carpenteria*. For more info call the Pussycat Hotline 561-9771. 3160 16th St, SF.

## JULY 23 / THU

**12th Annual Jewish Film Festival** runs today thru 7/30 at SF's Castro Theatre, and 8/1-6 at Berkeley's UC Theatre. Popular festival showcases 31 films from over 12 countries, includes guest appearances by filmmakers from around the world, seminars & discussions. For program details call (510) 548-0556.

**"Talking Back** to Sexual Pressure," a lecture by author/teacher Elizabeth Powell, MA, on assertiveness responses & research on sexual harassment. Learn about your sexual rights, including the right to refuse sexual contact & the right to a harassment-free environment. Learn creative & practical ways to cope verbally with uncomfortable & harmful sexual encounters. Noon-1 pm, free. Booksigning from 1-1:30 pm. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. Toland Hall, UCSF, 533 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-0400.

**Men's Friendship Group** spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

**I Magnin AIDS Benefit**: "An Evening with Joseph Abboud," benefit fashion show for AIDS Family Project, and a salute to NY designer Abboud, as he presents his signature men's & women's fall collections, and the West Coast premiere of his JOE (Just One Earth) contemporary men's line. Following the show, guests will be escorted down to the men's department to visit the exclusive JOE Boutique for cocktails &

## parents & kids box

**Prospective Queer Parents** Group: For lesbians & gay men who are interested in co-parenting, or seek known donor situations. For info call Leland (510) 841-4663.

**Black Female Couples With Children** Support Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Single moms are welcome! Eastbay & SF mtgs. Call Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711 for info.

**Lesbians With Babies** Group forming in San Francisco. Call Paula 206-1170 for details.

**Public Observation Programs** provided by the Peninsula Astronomical Society. The Observatory is open on clear Fri nights from dusk to 11 pm for viewing of stars, planets, galaxies & more thru a 16-inch reflecting telescope, and on Sat mornings from 10 am-noon for solar viewing thru a 6-inch refractor telescope. Free. Observatory is located at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills, halfway around the campus loop near Parking Lot T. Info: 949-7334. Observatory is closed when it is cloudy.

**Storytime at Cody's** series for kids ages 4-10, each Sat at 11 am. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

**Summer Classes for Kids** at the Randall Museum: Exciting schedule of classes for youth & teens. Art classes include "Japanese Paper Dolls," "Animals, Art & Fantasy," and "Handmade Paper." Animal and science classes include "Predators in SF," a popular class for younger kids (ages 6-8) and "Electric Cars & Gizmos," (ages 11-14). Teen classes include "Totally Cool Drawing," and "Dishing It Out," (ceramics). Also many classes offered in Native American & Shamanic traditions, open to both children & adults; plus parent/child classes for the 3-5 age group. Prices range from $8-29. For full schedule & details call 554-9600. 199 Museum Way, SF. Spons by SF Recreation & Park Dept.

**Sharon Art Studio** offers a variety of classes for kids, youth & adults: Glass, beading, Indian beading, ceramics, drawing, life drawing, watercolor, jewelry & more. Reasonable fees, scholarships available. Call 753-7006 for info. Located next to the Carousel in Children's Playground, near Bowling Green & tennis courts, Golden Gate Park, SF.

**Summer Dance & Performing Arts** Program for children at Spirit Theatre Dance Studio: Ballet, jazz, capoeira, maskmaking, drama, drumming, African dance. All children welcome! 1708 University Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-3232.

**South of Market Health Fair** features face painting for kids, music, food & health info/screenings, see Main Calendar, 7/18 listing.

Gay Youth & the Classroom: An eve with Karen Harbeck, author of *Coming Out of the Classroom Closet: Gay & Lesbian Students, Teachers & Curricula*. Spons by BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) Eastbay chapter. See Main Calendar, 7/26.

lavish food buffet. Music mixed by I Magnin's in-house DJ. Tix $75 per person, proceeds benefit Calif Pacific Med Ctr's AIDS Family Project. Info/res: 403-2496.

**Rainbow's End** lesbian, gay & bisexual youth group, meets tonight, see 7/16.

**Marin BACW Dines Out:** Join Bay Area Career Women for a night of delicious Thai food at Arawan Thai Restaurant, 47 Caledonia, Sausalito. Limit is 12 women so get your reservations in early! Call Sandy 479-4893 by 7/20.

**Sapphic Verse** from lesbian authors Jess Wells (*Aftershocks*) and Ann Livia (*Incidents Involving Mirth*). 7:30 pm, free. Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

**Southern novelist** Kaye Gibbons (*Ellen Foster, A Virtuous Woman*) reads from her new work, *A Cure for Dreams*. 7:30 pm at A Clean Well Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

**Palo Alto Lesbian Rap** Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA in Palo Alto. Topic: Givers & Takers: Which are you? Led by Linda. All women are welcome! Info/directions: Marilyn (415) 969-1260 or Lynn (408) 723-4196.

**Cooking for Singles** & Others: Class with Duane Meares, chef of Greeley's Restaurant. Chef Meares, who specializes in vegetarian cuisine, prepares fresh pasta & two sumptuous sauces, plus a salad of seasonal vegetables. 7:30 pm, $17. 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

**New Horizons** Mtg: Social/support group for young adults in their 20s. Game Night! 7:45 pm drop-in time for new members, 8-9:30 pm mtg. Marin YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Info: 457-3523.

**At Old Wives'Tales** Bookstore: Author Jeane Harris (*Delia Ironfoot*) visits SF's only women's bookstore. 8 pm, $3-10 (no one turned away for lack of funds). Proceeds benefit Women's Voices, Old Wives' cultural events series. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

**John Epperson** in "Lypsinka! Now it can be Lypsynched," at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/16.

**The 7th Veil**, performed by Exploding Roses Dance Co, choreographed by Tracy Rhoades, opens The LAB's Summertime Dance Project. The dance is based on the myth of Salome. The first half offers a theatrical rendering of the Salome myth, the second half reveals contemporary manifestations of the traditional characters, with Salome reincarnated as a male stripper. Tonight & tmw at 8:30 pm, Sat 7/25 at 8:30 pm. Tix $12 gen'l, $10 stdnts & srs. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St at 17th, SF. Info/res: 346-4063, 621-7797.

**At the I-Beam:** *Viva Saturn* and special guests. 9 pm, free. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

## JULY 24 / FRI

**Lesbian Love**: A sex, love & intimacy wkshop for singles & couples, thru 7/26. Re-claim & unleash your sexuality. Avoid lesbian bed death. Discover the power of moving beyond judgments & fears, fast! Info/reg: LoveWorks 572-1999.

**TGIF & WCD with BACW:** Thank God It's Friday & We Can Dance with Marin Bay Area Career Women! Come dance the week's stress away at Belrose Theatre Center, 1415 5th Ave, San Rafael. 7-8 pm social hour, followed by 8-11 pm dance. Complimentary light snacks served. Info: Diane 492-9570. $8.

***Turning Japanese:*** *Memoirs of a Sansei—Author David Mura, 3rd generation Japanese American, discusses his book, an outgrowth of his trip to Japan in 1984. The author draws on his own experiences in the land of his ancestors, resulting in a classic meditation on difference & assimilation, and a window onto another country. 7:30 pm at A Clean Well Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.*

**Poets QR Hand & John Ross** celebrate their 40 years of friendship with a reading tonight at Modern Times Bookstore, 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

**Dog Show:** 25 leggy canines strut the catwalk at Bimbo's dressed to the teeth in creations by NY & SF designers including Geoffrey Beene, Todd Oldham, Susie Tompkins, Anni Sui, Hank Ford, Work Wear & Think Thank. Celebrity walkers include actor Edward Duke ("Jeeves Takes Charge"), music by Patsy Cline & the *Memphis G-Spots*, entertainment by Joey Arias. A Fundraiser for PAWS (Pets Are A Wonderful Support), an organization that helps people with HIV keep & care for their pets. At Bimbo's 365 Club, SF. Tix $15, $20 at door. $300 & $400 for ringside sponsor tables. Tix at BASS.

**The Propaganda Series**: Humorous & informative solo talking-dances about the female body, by movement artist Liz Ozol. "Breast Implantation," examines the breast implant controversy, "Menopause," looks at the pros & cons of estrogen replacement therapy as a treatment for the unpleasant effects of menopause, "Conception" narrates the journey of human sperm to egg, beginning where Woody Allen left off. Ozol also performs "Bluebeard," work choreographed by Tamar Thorne. 8 pm, $8-10 tonight thru 7/26 at New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St, SF. Info/res: 863-9834.

**John Epperson** in "Lypsinka! Now it can be Lipsynched," at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/16.

**"Get Lost (Again)** Columbus" Opera with the voices & drums of the Blood Road Singers, Jennifer White Owl Jaguar, White Cloud Wolfhawk, and friends. Part of a year of ceremonial protests & performance ceremonies in resistance to 500 years of genocide. 8 pm tonight and 7/31 at Portofino Cafe, 620 Lighthouse Ave, Pacific Grove. $7 donation. Info: (408) 373-7379 or (510) 223-0357.

**Rakugaki:** Contemporary music for Koto & Shakuhachi, a concert to benefit the Tibetan Nun's Project. 8:15 pm, $10 adv, $12 at door. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St, SF. Eastbay performance tmw, 8 pm at St John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave, Oakl; $12 at door. Call (510) 845-6830 for info.

**The 7th Veil** dance performance at Theater Artaud, see 7/23.

**Urban Unrest!** Paper Tiger TV West & Deep Dish TV begin their monthly screening series at ATA (Artists' Television Access) with the premiere of Paper Tiger's *Boiling Point: Law & Order in SF*, a video documenting the intensity of the events in SF following the acquittal of the LAPD officers who beat Rodney King—an investigation of the very bad behavior of police & City Hall, cutting thru corporate-sponsored propaganda about the whole thing. Plus Deep Dish's *A Day's Work Production's ISI, Se puede! Justice for Janitors*, video tracing the struggle for better wages & dignity by members of the Service Employees Int'l Union in Los Angeles in May of 1990. 8:30 pm, $3-5. 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

**At the I-Beam: Josef Brinckman &** *The Conspiracy of Equals* plus *Her Majesty the Baby*. 9 pm, free! 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

**Social Sabotage**: Program of music & spoken word from s/m culture. Wrath reads & performs new work, accompanied by *Tu Ron Sule* band. Part of the Spoken Word Savages series at the Elbo Room, 647 Valencia St, SF. Info: 558-8112.

**Club Female Trouble** presents "Trouble Town,"—live music by *Spokepoker*, dancing with guest DJ Evole-E, plus promo party for Bitches & Goddesses, Inc. Info: 550-0148.

**NY lesbian comic Sarah Cytron** gives a howlingly funny, sharply political performance at Josie's Cabaret. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

## JULY 25 / SAT

**Betty Ford Center** Recovery Day for Women: Program features four dynamic author/speakers, JoAnn Loulan, MFCC, Carmella Woll, Stephanie S Covington, PhD and Betty Ford, speaking on issues relating to recovery from chemical dependency and co-dependency. Registration at 8 am, program 9 am-4 pm at Palace of Fine Arts Theatre, 3301 Lyon St, SF. $55 fee includes lunch. 5 CE credit hours are available. Info: (800) 382-2731 or FAX (619) 773-4513.

**Nat'l Conference** for Independent Labor Political Action: Today thru 7/26. Wkshops, speakers, cultural events. Wkshops on variety of issues including labor rights & union democracy, labor & women's rights, racism issues, budget cuts, national healthcare, the economic crisis & global economy, labor & the environment, and more. For info call 641-4440 or 641-4610.

**LifeWork Seminar for Gay Men:** Day-long retreat in SF designed to help you discover your path to a meaningful career: Reaffirm your personal & work values, understand your character & temperament, identify skills & interests, acknowledge & appreciate your passion, gifts & capabilities. 9 am-5 pm, $35 per person, includes lunch. Seminar will address issues & concerns faced by gay men in our work lives. Deadline for registration: 7/18. For appplication/info call Gary 282-1608 or Alan 626-1817 or write LifeWork Seminars, 740A 14th St #406, SF 94114.

**Elderflower Womenspirit** Festival: Held 8/13-16 at a private, spacious campground in Mendocino. Registration open now, call 285-5669 for info.

**Sequoia-Bayview Trail**/Joaquin Miller Park run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take Hwy 13 to Joaquin Miller/Lincoln Ave Exit. Follow signs to Joaquin Miller Rd. Go east (uphill) on Joaquin Miller approx 1.2 miles. Turn left onto Skyline Blvd, continue approx 0.4 miles to trailhead on left. Meet 9 am. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

**Join Gay/Lesbian Sierrans** as they help restore the wetlands at Candlestick State Park. Meet 9:45 am at the Park or call Ruth (510) 452-9261 for directions. Wear comfortable clothes.

**Play Workshop** for women health care professionals. Fundraiser for WOMAN, Inc, a nonprofit agency for battered women. 10 am-4 pm at SF State University. Pre-reg required, call 864-4777 for details. 435-55 SL fee.

**How to Make a Whipping** Feel Good, Part 2: Hands-on workshop led by Pat Califia & Robin Sweeney. Training class in technique & aim. Teachers give individual feedback & advice as the students practice. Each student must bring a multi-tailed whip & a bed pillow (students will NOT practice on one another). Pre-req, attendance at part I (see 7/18) or permission of instructors. $25 for this class, $35 for both. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome. Doors open at 12:30 pm, class 1-3:30 pm in a private SF space. Spons by QSM as part of their educational & artistic series for the s/m community. Info: 550-7776.

**Develop Your Intuition** Thru Self-Hypnosis: Wkshop taught by Nancy Dew, certified clinical hypnotherapist. Learn self-hypnosis to reduce stress, fears & insomnia. 1-3 pm, $20. A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

**My Sin**: Bay Area choreogrpaher Raymond Johnson reads selected works from his choreopoem, "My Sin," at Footwork Dance Studio. Tonight's program also includes works by author/poet Akilah Kamau, dancer/choreographer Jacqueline Wesley and dancer/poet Robert Henry Johnson. 3 pm. 3221 21st St, SF. Info: 824-5044.

**"Act of Intimacy,"** by Debbie Moore, a performance based on the merged mind states of a modern tribe, with ceremonies of initiation into intimacy offered to interested audience participants. 5-10 pm at New College, 777 Valencia St, SF. $6. Info: (510) 540-0907.

**Jazz/guitar duo** Gigi Gamble & Adam Levy at Daniel's Highland Cafe, 821 San Pablo Ave, Albany. 7-9 pm. No cover, no minimum. Info: (510) 524-0157.

**Negatives Being Positive** Potluck: Meet for dinner btwn 7-7:15 pm at Kairos House, 114 Douglas, btwn 17th & Market in the Castro, SF. All HIV negatives are welcome. For RSVP/info call Josh 431-9049.

**Rakugaki:** Contemporary music for Koto & Shakuhachi, a benefit for the Tibetan Nun's Project. See 7/24 listing for details.

**Acoustic music concert** at KBBK Studios with Adina Sara. 8 pm, $7. Limited seating, call 563-9046 for res/info. 465 Broderick St SF.

**Eine Kleine Sommermusik**, summer music concert series continues at First Congregational Church of Berkeley with program of works by Schoenberg, Ravel & Beethoven. J Karla Lemon, conductor. Miriam Abramowitsch, mezzo-soprano; Janet Kutulas, flute/piccolo; Diane Marltester, clarinet; Claire Garabedian, cello; Miles Graber, piano. 8 pm, $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. WA (Wheelchair Access). Dana, bwtn Channing & Durant, Berkeley. Info: 252-7149.

**The Propaganda Series:** Solo talking-dances about the female body, see 7/24.

**John Epperson** in "Lypsinka! Now it can be Lipsynched," at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/16.

**GAWK** (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective) celebrate Jon Sugar's birthday party. 8 pm at Kimo's on Polk St, SF. Live entertainment. Free!

**East Meets West:** NY's classic comic dyke Sara Cytron & Berkeley's dysfunctionally funny home girl Karen Ripley give you a night of side-splitting lesbian humor (with political insight, of course) at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Women only. Reservations suggested. 8 pm, $7-10. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.

**At Thunder Bay:** *Hobo, Engine* and *Machine Shop*. 8 pm, $5. One Bolivar Drive at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 843-0405.

**At Sisterspirt** Women's Bookstore: Night of music from pop to country, r&b to r&r, with *Picture This*. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. 8:30 pm, $7-10 SL fee. Info: (408) 293-9372.

**A Show Not Funded** by the NEA, or From the Asshole of ATA: Artists' Television Access celebrates its NEA stipend for the year (don't tell Jesse Helms) with a show not funded by the NEA, CAC or SF Hotel Tax Fund—and so offensive it must be art. Program includes "Aktion" pieces by Otto Muehl, "Le Poeme" by Bogdan Borkowski and "Don't Be a Dick," by Deke Weaver. Also "Shitfuck," the show New York post houses wouldn't reproduce. 8:30 pm, $5. 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

**The 7th Veil** dance performance at Theater Artaud, see 7/23.

**At the I-Beam:** *Laibach*, from Slovenia, plus special guests. 9 pm, $12 adv, $15 at door. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

**BWMT Membership Party Too!** Don't miss Black & White Men Together's big bash, 9 pm-midnight. Features Mr H, "the hottest gay stripper in the area," who's gonna take it off! Plus hot music & dancing, drawings for airline tix & other prizes. No cover. No-host bar. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF.

**Gay Comedy Night** at Josie's Cabaret with comics Karen Ripley, Karla Carmony & Sarah Cytron. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

**Alternative Music Night** at El Rio with *Harm Farm, Genuine Diamelles* and *Specs*. 10 pm-2 am, $5 cover. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

## JULY 26 / SUN

**Bay Area Lesbian CoHousing** Group: Want to own your own home *and* live in community? BALCG meets today to discuss building a cluster of private

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**Tale Spinners Theatre presents "Big City Down," at New College. OnStage has details.**

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homes around a common house. 4-6 pm in Berkeley. Call Ruth (510) 644-0480 for info/location.

**Golden Gate Connection** Sunday Cookout: 10 am-4 pm. Join this social club for heavyset men & their admirers at Candlestick Point State Park. Club provides hot dogs, burgers & beverages. $5 with dish, $10 without. For info call Arlen (510) 233-6503, for info/carpools call Bobbi (415) 871-7870.

**Young Women of Color Brunch:** All young women of color, ages 23 & under, lesbian, bisexual or questioning, are welcome to this brunch spons by the Young Women of Color Friday Night Rap Group and its sponsors, LYFE (Lambda Youth Family Empowerment) and LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center). 11 am-1 pm at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF. Info: 565-7681.

**Softball & Picnic** with Marin BACW: Join Bay Area Career Women for some afternoon fun with the girls! Noon. You're welcome to play or watch! Info/location: Eileen 461-7910 before 7/20.

**Styles of Play, Pt 1:** Class spons by QSM as part of their educational & artistic series for the s/m community. Lou demonstrates "Etiquette & Reward" scenes, Joseph Bean demos "Playing with Your Human Pet." Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome! Doors open at 12:30 pm, class 1-3:15 pm in a private SF space. $15. Info: 550-7776.

**Workers Film & Video** Forum: spons by Artists' Television Access, 992 Valencia St, SF. See *US Labor & the CIA Connection*, a video examining the connection between the AFL-CIO's Int'l Affairs Dept and the CIA. 4 pm, $2. Info: 824-3890.

**Salsa Garden Party** at El Rio wtih *Los Kimbos*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

**Tea & Classics** at Josie's Cabaret: Monthly small ensemble performance by members of the Women's Philharmonic. 5 pm, $6. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

**Gay Youth & the Classroom:** An eve with Karen Harbeck, lawyer, activist & editor of *Coming Out of the Classroom Closet: Gay & Lesbian Students, Teachers & Curricula*. Program: 6 pm dinner & social with fellow educators, 7 pm video, *Gay Youth* by Pam Walton, 7:45 pm discussion with Karen Harbeck. $5 donation (doesn't include dinner). Tea Spot Cafe, 2072 San Pablo (south of University), Berkeley. Spons by the Eastbay chapter of BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators). Info: Ben (510) 234-4627.

**Party with Zebra Brigade**—a social group for Black & White lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980.

**Course in Miracles** Study Group spons by Marin BACW, see 7/19.

**John Epperson** in "Lypsinka! Now it can be Lipsynched," at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/16.

**The Propaganda Series:** Solo talking-dances about the female body, at New Performance Gallery. Final night! See 7/24.

## JULY 27 / MON

**Lesbians Over 45:** Ongoing leaderless support group has openings! See 7/20 listing for details.

**"8 is Enough"** at Paula's Clubhouse, see 7/20.

**Gay Comedy Open Mike** at Josie's Cabaret with MC Maureen Brownsey. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

**At Thunder Bay:** *Bark Market* and *Special Forces*. 8 pm, $5. One Bolivar Drive at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 843-0405.

**FISH Sketch Comedy** Theater at El Rio with Ron Lynch, Barry Lank, Jim Earl, Carrie Collier, Andrea Lee, Don Perazzo, Bill Burnat, Tim Ostrander, Ebby Parker & Gary Hobish. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

## JULY 28 / TUE

**Skydancing Tantra:** The Art of Sexual Ecstasy. A wkend retreat with Margo Anand & Deva Kosha. Learn how to awaken your Inner Lover, explore your sacred sexual energies, infuse humor & fun into your lovemaking, create & share tantric rituals to awaken the senses. Today thru 8/30 at Harbin Hot Springs, two hours northwest of SF. $425 per person. Info/reg: 388-0431. No explicit sexual exchange during workshop, but you do get optional "homeplay" assignments at night. Powerful but respectful & gentle teaching style.

**Midweek Retreat for Women** with AIDS/HIV: Enjoy sun, swimming & jacuzzi in the lush surroundings of a former monastery in Cupertino. Spons by Shanti Project's Activities Program. Sign-up required, partial scholarships available. For info/reg call 777-2273.

**Shanti Board of Directors** Mtg: 6:15 pm at 525 Howard St, SF. Public welcome! Info: Craig Bernard 777-2273.

**Lesbian Uprising** Political Group discusses the religious right, its growing political influence, how we are affected as lesbians, & what we can do to oppose it. Socializing at 6:30 pm, discussion begins promptly at 7. For info/location call 621-0790.

**"Fighting the Fascists:** Building a Movement to Stop White Supremacy," Join Radical Women for a serious look at how to build the movement to fight white supremacy. Recently back from helping to organize a successful counter-demonstration in Simi Valley against the Nationalist Movement (white supremacy group), members of RW share their experience & offer practical & political strategies on how to keep the fascists from destroying our constitutional rights. 6:45 pm dinner ($5 donation), 7:30 pm mtg. 523-A Valencia St (nr 16th St BART), SF. Info: 864-1278.

**Women of Color** & HIV: Panel discussion spons by AIDS Health Project. Topics include disclosure, lack of services, substance abuse, grandparents as primary caregivers. 7-9 pm at 1855 Folsom St at 15th, SF. First floor, room 125. Info: 476-3902.

**Gay Men's Sketch/Folsom:** Male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by gay male model. 7 pm, $12. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.

**"Healing Through Guided Imagery** & Meditation," a talk presented by Rev Pamela Ketzel, Church of Amron minister. 7 pm, free. 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

**At Thunder Bay:** IAO Core Abject Film & Video Festival. Special guest TBA. 8 pm. One Bolivar Drive at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 843-0405.

**John Epperson** in "Lypsinka! Now it can be Lipsynched," at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/16.

## JULY 29 / WED

**At ClaireLight** Women's Books: Mask-Making & Self-Discovery, a discussion led by Laisha Beeson. 7 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

**What Works Women Writers Group**: Longtime group (over 10 years) reads from recent works. Members include Kimi Sugioka, Suzette Rochat, Lisa Manning, Anita Green, Susan Dambroff & Mary Carol Randall. 7:30 pm, donation. Refreshments served. Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia St, SF. info: 282-9246.

**Elizabeth George** (*A Great Deliverance, Payment in Blood, A Suitable Vengeance*) reads from her new novel, *For the Sake of Elena*. 7:30 pm, free. A Clean Well Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

**"Happiness Is a Choice,"** Gabrielle Borkan presents the Option Process, an approach to personal growth based on complete acceptance and love, developed by Barry Neil Kaufman. 7:30 pm, $5. A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

**Queer Rock** with *Pansy Division* at Paula's Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.

**At Thunder Bay:** *Good Grief, Jolt* and *Usher House*. 8 pm, $4. One Bolivar Drive at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 843-0405.

**John Epperson** in "Lypsinka! Now it can be Lipsynched," at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/16.

**New Music Series** at The Marsh with Julie Queen, Mary Fleming & friends. See 7/22.

**At Faster Pussycat!** Queer rock with *Pansy Division*. DJ Don Baird. At The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.

## JULY 30 / THU

**Rainbow's End,** lesbian, gay & bisexual youth group, meets tonight, see 7/16.

**Palo Alto Lesbian Rap** Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA in Palo Alto. Topic: Bridging Generations. Info/directions: Marilyn (415) 969-1260 or Lynn (408) 723-4196. All women are welcome.

**New Horizons** Mtg: Social/support group for young adults in their 20s. Tonight's topic: Bisexuality today. 7:45 pm drop-in time for new members. 8-9:30 pm mtg time. Marin YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake. Info: 457-3523.

**John Epperson** in "Lypsinka! Now it can be Lipsynched," at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/16.

**At Old Wives' Tales** Bookstore: *Closer to Home: Bisexuality & Feminism*—local contributors Brenda Blasingame, Susanna Trnka, Amanda Yoshizaki, Beth Elliot & Rebecca Ripley discuss their essays in this new anthology that focuses, "on the crucial intersection between ideology & reality." 8 pm, $3-10 (no one turned away for lack of funds). Proceeds benefit Women's Voices, Old Wives' Tales cultural events series. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.

# galleries

**On Exhibit at the de Young:** Photographs by Paul Strand on exhibit thru 8/16. "Masterpieces of 19th Century Photography from the Achenbach Foundation for Graphic Arts," on exhibit thru 9/1. "Expressions of Place: The Art of William Stanley Haseltine, thru 9/20. "Viewpoints XVIII: Frank Lobdell," works by the abstract expressionist & Bay Area teacher; thru 9/27. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

**SF Museum of Modern Art:** "Typologies: Nine Contemporary Photographers," work by Bernd & Hilla Becher, Lynne Cohen, Judy Fiskin, Candida Hofer, Roger Mertin, Thomas Ruff, Edward Ruscha & Thomas Struth, on exhibit thru 8/23. "Jackson Pollock: Psychoanalytic Drawings," on exhibit thru 8/30; 40 works drawn from a total of 83 drawings Pollock submitted to his analyst during psychotherapy sessions between 1939-1940. "Robert Rauschenberg: the Early 1950s," thru 8/16. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

**SF Art Institute:** Paintings by David Reed on exhibit in the Walter/McBean Gallery 7/16-8/15. 800 Chestnut St, SF.

**SF Camerawork**: "Travel Documents," exhibit of work by Karen Atkinson, Ed Grazda, Renee Green, Susan King, Tseng Kwong Chi, Jin-me Yoon, Susan Mabel Maney, Deborah Small, Elizabeth Sisco, Scott Kessler, Louis Hock & David Avalos. 7/17-8/22. Artist's reception 7/17, 6-8 pm, lectures by Karen Atkinson & Jin-me Yoon, with an exchange moderated by Ann Chamberlain on 7/28 at 8 pm, $5 gen'l, $3 stdnts. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Tues-Sat. 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 621-1001.

**Art Lick Gallery:** Jenna Bates' "Voodoo Dollhouses," Jerome Caja's "Tailand Collection," and recent paintings by Clancey Cavnar. Thru 8/16. 4147 19th St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-6 pm; Mon & Tues by appt. Info: 621-5131.

**Judah L Magnes Museum:** "The Legacy of Boris Deutsch: A Centennial Exhibition," paintings & mural sketches by this 1930s-'40s Calif artist. Thru 9/20. "Remembrance," mixed media installation by Lisa Kokin; recollection of the Holocaust. Thru 7/19. "Survivors," ceramic sculpture by Andree Thompson Singer. Ceramic figures & ceramic-and-brick "chimneys" commemorate the Holocaust. Thru 9/20. "Images," calligraphic art conveying a spiritual quest, by Edna Miron-Wapner. 7/19-9/20. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

**Ansel Adams Center:** 250 Fourth St, SF. "Brian Weil: The AIDS Photographs," 7/21 reception, 7/25 gallery talk at 1:15 pm by the artist. "Ansel Adams & the National Parks," exhibit of Adams' legendary photos made in American nat'l parks & monuments, thru 9/6. "Works by Lorna Simpson," 7/18-9/27. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

**Cartoon Art Museum**: "Visions of the Floating World: the Cartoon Art of Japan," thru 9/5. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat, Sun 1-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids 12 & under are free. Info: 546-9481.

**Circle Gallery:** 900 N. Point, Ghirardelli Square, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs 11 am-7 pm; Fri-Sat 10 am-9 pm; Sun 10 am-6 pm.

**Circle Gallery:** Hrs: Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 140 Maiden Lane (Union Square), SF. Info: 989-2100.

**Soft Touch Gallery:** 1580 Haight St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Wed, Fri-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. Info: 863-3279.

**Eye Gallery:** "Shooting Back: A Photographic View of Life by Homeless Children," on exhibit 7/16-8/15. 1151 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Thurs noon-7 pm, Fri-Sun noon-5 pm. Info: 922-0706.

**Footwork Gallery:** "Fearless Gaze," exhibit of photos by John B Davis (1964-1992). 8/1-31, opening reception 8/15, 6-8 pm. 3221 22nd St, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm Mon-Sat, or by appt. Info: 824-5044.

**New Langton Arts**: The 4th Annual Watkins Award Exhibit features work by Linda Darling, Lillian Mulero & Beverly Semmes, thru 7/25. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info: 626-5416.

**Nelson Morales Gallery:** 140 Geary St #301, SF. Hrs: Tues, Thurs & Sat, noon-6 pm, Wed 10 am-2 pm, or by appt. Info: 255-1432.

**Robert Koch Gallery:** Conceptual photographic work by Oakland artist Jeff Norman, on exhibit thru 8/15. Also group show with works by Zeke Berman, Eric Blau, Lois Conner, Nina Glaser, Lynn Hershman & Shari Lamanet, thru 8/15. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.

**Vision Gallery:** 1155 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Sat 9 am-6 pm. Info: 621-2107.

**SF Craft & Folk Art Museum:** "Classical Chinese Furniture," 8/29-11/1. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

**University Art Museum**: "Mikhail O Dlugach: Cinema Posters of the Russian Avant-garde," 26 film posters from the 1920s-1930s, on exhibit thru 10/11 in the Theater Gallery. Hrs: Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

**Richmond Art Center:** New Russell Herrman installation, "Sun Sails," on exhibit 7/28-9/13 in the Courtyard. Civic Center Plaza, Baird & 25th St, Richmond. Wheelchair Accessible. Hrs: 10 am-4:30 pm, Tues-Fri; noon-4:30 pm Sat & Sun. Info: (510) 620-6772.

**SF Camerawork:** 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission, at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sun, noon-5 pm. Admission free. Info: 621-1001.

**SF Arts Commission Gallery:** Works by 5 Bay Area painters: Kent Bond, Long Nguyen, Frances McCormack, Leslie Straw & Wendy Sussman on exhibit thru 8/7. Gallery talk by artists 7/16, 7 pm. 155 Grove St, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Tues-Fri, 11 am-8 pm Thurs, noon-5 pm Sat. Info: 554-9682.

**The Jewish Museum:** 121 Steuart St btwn Mission & Howard, SF. Hrs: 10 am-4 pm Tues-Fri & Sun. Info: 543-8880.

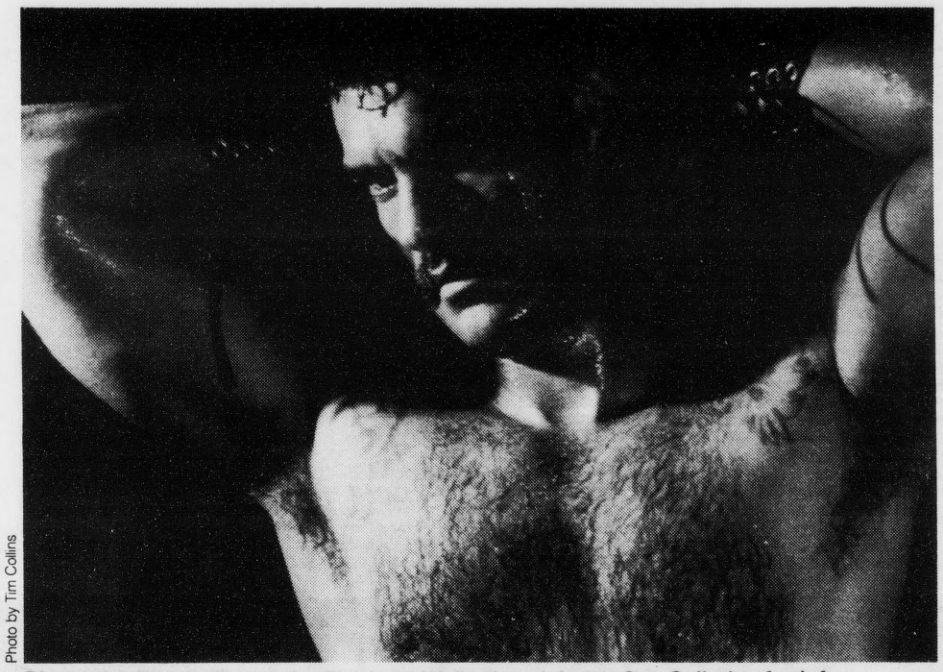
**Turn of the Century Fine Arts:** 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: (510) 849-0950.

**Falkirk Cultural Gallery:** 1408 Mission St, off E, San Rafael. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Tues-Fri, 10 am-9 pm Thurs, 10 am-1 pm Sat. Info: 485-3328.

**KBBK Studios:** Group show, exhibit of Guatemalan highland paintings. 7/23-8/1. Hrs: 3-6 pm Thurs, 2-5 pm Fri & Sat, and by appt. 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF. Info: 563-9046.

**"Voodoo Dollhouse" on exhibit at Art Lick Gallery. Galleries has info.**

**Pro Arts Gallery:** "Hate Crimes," exhibit of series of large panel oil paintings by Gary Epting, depicting hatred & abuse in witnessed & reported events. Thru 7/18. 461 9th St, SF. Info: (510) 763-4361.
**Paintings & sculpture** by Grace Lin on exhibit thru August at World Institute on Disability, 5010 16th St, Oakland, Ste 100. Info: (510) 763-4100 voice/TDD.
**John Pence Gallery:** "Major Works," paintings & sculpture by several artists. Thru 9/5. 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.
**Morphos Gallery:** "Emilie Clark: Recent Paintings," on exhibit thru 7/19. "Lines of Development," paintings, prints & xerography by Michael Lewis & Peter Reiss. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm, Thurs noon-9:30 pm, and by appt. Info: 626-1936.
**Robert Dana Gallery:** Exhibit of oil paintings by John Mancini. Thru 7/31. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Thurs & Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sun, and by appt. 1849 Union St, SF. Info: 749-1849.
**Stamp Art Gallery:** "Found Stamps," work by Picasso Gaglione on exhibit thru 7/31. 466 8th St, SF.
**Turn of the Century Fine Arts:** "California Objects Untitled," large scale poly verethane and oil pigment paintings by Sean Krier. On exhibit thru 8/15. 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Wed-Sun or by appt. Info: (510) 849-0950.
**Ghia Gallery:** "Landlocked," exhibit exploring natural & manmade landscapes. Work by Michele Burgard, Glenn Hirsch, Leigh Hyams, Michael Lewis, Linda Ross Larson, Jayne Shor & Elly Simmons. Exhibit runs thru 7/31. Hrs: Wed-Sat 1-6 pm, and by appt. 2648 3rd St, SF. Info: 282-2832.
**MACE Space for Art:** New work by Linda Simmel. Oil on canvas, pastel on paper. Exhibit runs thru 8/31. 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri 5-9 pm, Sat noon-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.
**"Paintings & Collage,"** by BWB. Works by Bobbi-Jo Azzouzi, Janet Byron, Jackie Churchill, Lesley Leanness, Jill Aimonsen and Josie Sommer. Thru 7/25 at Zeno's Paradox, A Hair Space, 552 Hayes St, SF. Info: (510) 601-0574.
**"Recent Black & White Male Nudes,"** photo exhibit by Steven Baratz at Sweet Inspiration, thru 8/3. 2239 Market St, SF. Info: 863-3353.
**"Creativity Explored,"** student art exhibit at Mission Cultural Center. Exhibit runs thru 7/31. 2868 Mission St, SF. Info: 821-1155.
**"Artists Against the Blockade,"** a multimedia exhibit by local artists expressing support for the right of Cuba & its people to self-determination & national sovereignty. Works by over 20 artists on exhibit thru 8/14. La Pena Cultural Ctr, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 620-0290.
**Tim Collins:** Black & white photos on exhibit thru 7/28 at the Elephant Walk, 18th & Castro, SF.
**"Positive Art,"** 4th annual Nexus Gallery exhibit of artworks made at the Center for AIDS Services in Oakland & Rest Stop Support Center in SF. Thru 7/25 at Nexus Gallery, 2701 8th St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-8118.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**Photos by Tim Collins at the Elephant Walk, thru July 28. See Galleries for info.**

# on stage

**The Convict's Return** by Geoff Hoyle. Hoyle, former acclaimed clown with Pickle Family Circus, tells the story of his 1989 experiences seeking fame & fortune in New York City. Runs thru 7/26, part of Berkeley Rep Theatre's Parallel Season productions. Stage Door Theatre, 420 Mason St at Geary, SF. Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm. Info/res: (510) 762-BASS. Tix $10-25.
**Cross-Dressing in the Depression** by Erin Cressida Wilson. A nostalgic tale of adolescent discovery. Magic Theatre production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm thru 7/19. Tix $17-21, $12 stdnts & srs. Magic Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg D, SF. Info/res: 441-8822.
**A Name You Never Got** by Ronda Slater. Touching, funny, one-woman play about Slater's reunion with the daughter she gave up for adoption. Runs Fri & Sat at 7:30 pm, 7/17-18 at St John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Tix $15. Info/res: (510) 654-5264.
**The Bologna Medea**, an ancient Greek travesty. Fratelli Bologna's madcap version of the classic tale of betrayal and revenge. The Bologna Medea remains faithful to the rich classical themes of sexual politics, rejection, alienation and revenge. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun matinees at 2 pm, thru 7/26. Cowell Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Tix: $8 preview, $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun matinee, $12 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 392-4400.
**My Fair Lady,** Lamplighters Music Theatre celebrates its 40th anniversary with its most ambitious project to date. Plays Fri and Sat at 8:30, Sun at 2:30 thru 8/2 at Presentation Theatre, 2350 Turk, SF. All tix $23. For info call 752-7755 after noon.
**Sex, Drugs & Apple Pie**, solo show written & performed by Dorothy Anton. Uses satire, voice mail and "the woman next door" in an outrageous exploration of modern dilemmas. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sat matinees at 2 pm, thru 8/15. Tix $12 gen'l, $10 stdnts & srs, $8 Sat matinees. ACT Playroom, 450 Geary St, SF. Info/res: 775-8672.
**Jim Rose Circus Side Show** at the DNA Lounge. Weird & captivating 90 min show that resembles the circus sideshows of yesteryear—the only freakshow still touring the US—a traditional sideshow with a dash of the Modern Primitives movement thrown in. 7/16 at 8 pm. Tix $10. 375 11th St, SF. Info: 751-3129.
**What Fools These Mortals Be** by Fred Curchak. Curchaks' solo performance of "What Fools These Mortals Be—Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream Revisited," a Theatre of Yugen production. Curchak uses the Bard's immortal comedy to explore a variety of contemporary issues including repression, artistic self-censorship and sexual obsession. Performances at 8 pm, Wed-Sat, 7/16-18, Fri & Sat 7/24 & 25, 7/31 & 8/1, 8/7 & 8 at Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa St nr Alabama. Info/res: 621-0507.
**The Mad Dancers**, work in progress by Yehuda Hyman. First part of a 3-part trilogy based on "The Seven Beggars," a story by 18th century mystic, Rabbi Nachman of Bratzlav. Combines storytelling, ecstatic dancing, klezmer music, humor & mystery to tell.a tale of enchantment & spirituality. A Late Night Marsh production. Runs 7/18 & 25 at 10:30 pm at The Marsh, 968 Valencia St, SF. Tix $6. Info/res: 641-0235.
**The Shrew**, Charles Marowitz's macabre comment on gender roles, adapted from Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew." Plus Sam Shepard's sci-fi cowboy comedy, **The Unseen Hand**. Double bill runs Fri & Sat 7/17-18, 23-25 and 7/31-8/1 at Studio 2505, 2505 Mariposa St at Hampshire, SF. 8 pm curtain time for "The Shrew," 9:45 pm for "The Unseen Hand." Tix $10 for double bill, $6-10 SL for single program. Info/res: 824-2682.
**The Real Inspector Hound** by Tom Stoppard and **Black Comedy** by Peter Shaffer. Two one-acts by two masterful British playwrights utilizing physical farce and a lust for language. Ghost Light Theatre Co production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm thru 7/25. Tix $10. Marin Theatre, Mill Valley. Info/res: 755-3035.
**The Professional** by Dusan Kovacevic, translated by Bob Djurdjevic. World premiere of English version of this tragicomedy by Yugoslavia's most popular playwright. Upstart Stage production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, thru 8/2. Tix $12.50 Thurs & Sun, $15 Fri & Sat. North Beach Repertory Theatre, 2801 Leavenworth (at the Cannery), SF. Info: (510) 527-3123.
**Fred Astaire in Rehearsal**, a new show created by Michael Smuin and Daniel Levenstein, featuring the music of Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Jerome Kern and others. Runs Wed-Fri at 8:30 pm, Sat at 3 & 8:30 pm, Sun at 3 pm, thru 8/2. Opening night 7/18. At Cable Car Theatre, 430 Mason St, SF. Tix $10-15. Info/res: 989-9132.
**L'Amico Fritz** by Mascagni. Special opera production by Berkeley Opera. All performances fully staged & presented with chorus & orchestra in English. Performances: 7/17, 18, 22 & 25 at 8 pm, 7/26 at 2 pm. 7/17 & 18 performances offer an elegant post-performance dinner. Tix $21 Fri & Sat nights, $18 otherwise, $39 opera and dinner. Info/res: (510) 524-5256.
**Calypso: Teletronic Genius**, SF-based performance artist Charles Herman-Wurmfeld reinterprets the classic Greek myth of the island goddess Calypso. 7/17, 18, 24 & 25 at Life on the Water Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr Blg B, SF. Tix $10 gen'l, SL fee from $5 for srs, stdnts & low-income. Call 885-4749.
**Psycho: the Musical** by Wayne Buidens, with original music & lyrics by Mark Sargent. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun matinee at 3 pm in July, Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun matinee at 3 pm in August. Closes 8/31. On Broadway Theatre, 435 Broadway, SF. Info/res: 626-KILL, 398-1541.
**The Cemetery Club** by Ivan Menchell. Humorous & poignant story of how fate, love & memories change the lives of three Jewish widows. River Repertory Theater production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, 7/17-8/15. Jenner Playhouse (behind the gas station & store), coastal Hwy 1, 20 min west of Guerneville via Hwy 116. Tix $8 Fri & Sat, $6.50 Thurs. Info: (707) 865-2905.
**Closer Than Ever**, new musical revue about love, relationships & reality, by Richard Maltby, Jr & David Shire. Hillbarn Theatre project, part of the annual Festival of the Performing Arts at Foothill College. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun matinees at 2:30 pm on 7/19 & 8/2. Tix $12.50 gen'l, $10.50 stdnts & srs, $8.50 kids 12 & under. Info/res: 948-4444 or 349-6411.
**SF Mime Troupe** opens their 30th year of free programs in the parks with "Social Work: An Election Year Fantasy." It's early November, 1992, and the cops are baffled. Someone is snuffing the Bad Boys, all those rotten guys who are looting America. Whodunit?

**"Jeeves Takes Charge," special benefit performance for Project Inform on July 26. Check OnStage for details.**


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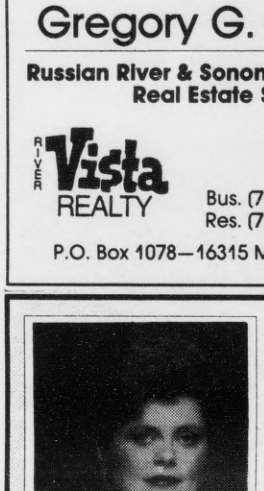

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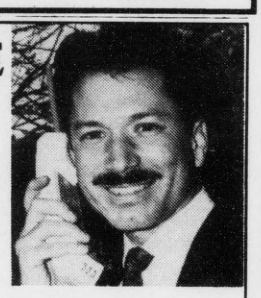

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**Light in the Village** by John Clifford and **The Voice of the Prairie** by John Olive. Performed in repertory by Harvest Theatre Co. "Light in the Village," chronicles brutal collision between progress & tradition as the leaders in a third world village adopt a horrifying version of American culture. "The Voice of the Prairie" is about progress & tradition "woven through the magical ether of American radio." Previews 7/16 at 8 pm, runs Thurs-Sat 7/16-8/8 at 8 pm; Sun 7/26 & 8/9 at 7 pm. Tix $12 gen'l, $9 stdnts & srs. Sun performances are pay-what-you-can. Ehrer Theatre, 225 Geneva Ave, SF. Info/res: 563-1431.
**Tabu Road Repertory Theater** looks at class, race, the African American male & the nature of reality with two one-acts, **Morocco Blues**, the story of an American airman in post WWII Morocco, and **41 Black**, about an African American architect who discovers the difficulty of finding & keeping the African side of his nature. Runs 7/24-8/2 at 8 pm, fri & Sat at 2 & 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm. Tix $8 gen'l, $5 stdnts & srs. Lisser Hall, Mills College, Oakl. Res: (510) 430-3308. Info: (415) 641-4020.
**Whatever Happened to BB Jane?** Musical designed & directed by Wayne Buidens, produced by J2M Productions. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm. Open-ended run at the Victoria Theatre, 2961 16th St nr Mission BART Station. Tix $13 Thurs & Sun, $15 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 863-7576, and at BASS.
**Striptease** by Slawomir Mrozek, a black comedy in which a Giant Hand exposes the slavishness of two functionary clowns, and **Dog Party** by Don Bajema, a piercing look at how American fascism perverts American family. Above Brainwash Theater production. Opens 7/16, runs thru 8/1 above Brainwash, 1126 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 863-7035.
**Ladies' Room** by Robin Schiff. Comic romp takes place in the women's room of a swinging Mexican restaurant during Happy Hour. Previews 7/21-28, opens 7/29 at 8 pm, runs Tues-Thurs at 8 pm, Fri & Sat at 8:30 pm, Sat & Sun at 3 pm, Sun at 7:30 pm, for a 5-wk engagement. Theatre on the Square, 450 Post St, floor 2M, SF. Tix $21, $25 & $28. Info/res: 433-9500 or BASS.
**The Thundering Herd** new improv acting troupe with Bill Bohnam, Jack Boulware, Ed Crasnick, Cameron Galloway, Ian Hadley & Katie Hickman. Showtimes Wed at 8:30 pm thru 8/26 at Holy City Zoo, 408 Clement St, SF. Tix $5. Info/res: 386-4242.
**Double Bill** by the Julian Theatre & Tale Spinners Theater at New College. See **Big City Down**, the Tales Spinners' piece about multiethnic, multicultural teens in SF and **Charlie**, the Julian's absurdist comedy by Slawomir Mrozek. Previews 7/16 at 8 pm, runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 & 7 pm, thru 8/9. 777 Valencia St, SF. Tix $12. Info/res: 626-8986.
**The Krewe of Neptune** by Anne Galjou. Original one-woman play, a sensual, earthy & spooky tale of bayou country. Julia Morgan Theatre production. Previews 7/16 at 8 pm, opens 7/17 at 8 pm, runs Thurs-Sat, 7/16-8/2 at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm. Tix $10 Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. Rice & beans on Thurs. $2 discount for seniors & students. $15 opening night Cajun party with music on 7/17. 2642 College Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 84-JULIA or BASS.
**Making A Name for Ourselves:** Actors Anonymous extends this play, a close & unflinching look at Asian-American stereotyped images & how they affect or destroy identity. Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 3:30 pm, thru 8/2. Asian American Theater Center, 403 Arguello at Clement, SF. Tix: $10 Thurs & Sun, $12 Sat. Info/res: 751-2600.
**One of These Days** by Jeff Thompson & Joseph Leonardi. The Honeymooners meet Queer Nation—Frank & Ted's parents were the squabbling characters on a 1950s TV sitcom, now Frank & Ted carry on the family tradition as roommates in SF's gayest neighborhood. Theatre Rhino production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, 7/30-8/22. Tix $10. 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.
**Jeeves Takes Charge**: Special benefit performance of the hit play starring Edward Duke, now running at the Marines Memorial Theater. 7/26, 7:30 pm. Tix $20 show, $35 show & reception. Proceeds benefit Project Inform. 609 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 771-6900.
**Pulp Playhouse** presents off-the-wall improv theater at The Marsh. Different theme every week. Thurs-Sat at 8 pm. Tix $6-9 Thurs, $12 Fri & Sat; $10 stdnts, srs & financially disadvantaged. 968 Valencia St nr 21st, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.
**Red Meat**: Two would-be settlers meet up with a mysterious stranger who offers an unusual brand of assistance in this mean-spirited comedy of the West. Theatre Au Naturel production. Runs Fri-Sun, 7/17-26, at 8:30 pm. Tix $10. The Next Stage, 1668 Bush at Gough, SF. Info/res: 929-8894.

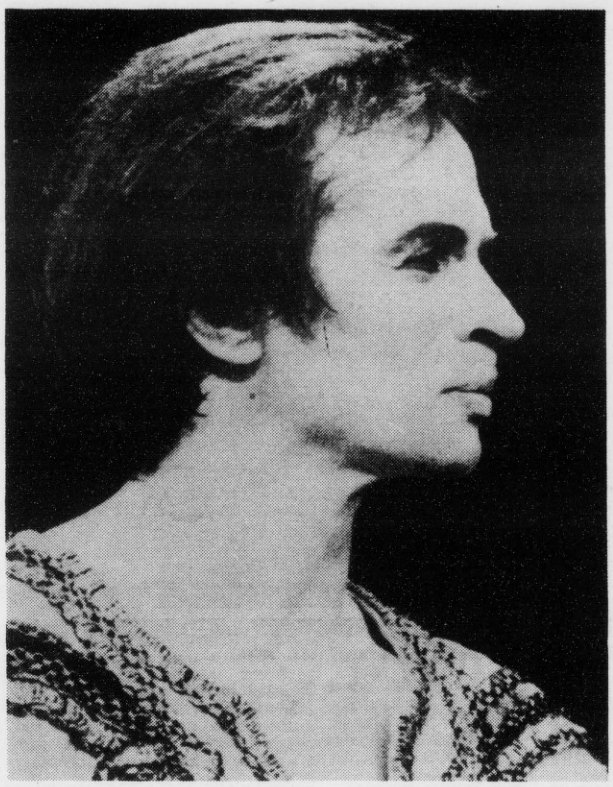
# resource guide

## ► AIDS RESOURCES

**ACT UP/SF** meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.
**ACT-UP/Golden Gate** meets Tues at 7 pm at 539 Hayes St, SF CA 94102. Office: 252-9275. Hotline: 252-9200.
**PISD** (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.
**ACT-UP Eastbay** meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.
**ARC/AIDS Vigil**: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-5412 for info.
**New Friends:** a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.
**AIDS/HIV Nightline:** Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.
**AIDS Info BBS:** Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by & for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs, 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.
**AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH:** the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.
***Directory: HIV Clinical Trials*** *in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.
**The City of Berkeley** offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.
**AIDS Emergency Fund**: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.
**People with AIDS-SF:** sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.
**Center for Positive Care** (HIV Early Intervention Resource Ctr) offers multicultural & multilingual outreach, intake assessment, case management, education & psychosocial support services to newly-diagnosed HIV positive people and people with AIDS. 3180 18th St at Folsom, SF. Info: 476-3644.
**California Partner Study/UCSF** offers support, education, testing, lab work and physical exams for bisexual men and their female partners. All services are free. Eligible couples must have at least one member who is a person with AIDS/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: 845-2331 or (800) 262-2430.
**UCSF Coping Project** seeks men who are caregivers to their partners who have AIDS to learn about the stress of caregiving, how caregivers cope with these stresses, and how caregiving affects health & psychological well-being. For info on how you can help call Anne Christopher at the UCSF Coping Project 597-9177.
**AIDS Care Study/UCSF** seeks to interview men & women (parents, siblings or married spouses) who are currently caring for a relative with AIDS or symptomatic HIV infection. The study looks at the difficulties & rewards of caregiving and assesses the availability & use of services for PWAs & caregivers. Participants are interviewed 3 times over a one-year period and are paid $25 per interview. For details call 476-7732 or 476-7733.
**Women's Support Group:** open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.
**Youth & Children's** Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.
**BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives**: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.
**Bay Area HIV Support** & Education Services deals with issues & problems surrounding HIV & its impact on multicultural, multiracial communities. Provides support groups for gay/bisexual men of all colors in SF & Oakl. Also provides transportation assistance to medical appts & to pick up medication to HIV positive people in SF. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.
**Rafiki Services Project** provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860
**Marin AIDS Project** Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.
**ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group** for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.
**HIV+ Drop-in Group** for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.
**HIV Dual Diagnosis Program** spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.
**AIDS Health Project** offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.
**Third World People with AIDS/**ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181
**SF Kaiser Permanente** Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.
**Kaiser Oakland** offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.
**Kaiser Movement & Exercise:** ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.
**Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union** (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.
**Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr:** an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.
**SF AIDS Foundation** Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.
**Face to Face/Sonoma County** AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.
**The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund** for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.
**Project Open Hand** delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.
**The Family Link** provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. In-

**"Spoken Word Meets Rap" at the Women's Building on July 17 with beat poet Diane DiPrima, her daughter Dominique, and others. See Calendar for details.**

fo: 346-0770.
**ARIS Project**: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.
**Contra Costa County** AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.
**Contra Costa County** AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.
**San Mateo County AIDS Project:** spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.
**AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF:** provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.
**PAWS** (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.
**SHARE** (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.
**The Godfather Service Fund**: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.
**The Rest Stop Support Center** is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Theater classes (theater games, improv, production, both beg & adv folks are welcome), art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-1701. All events are free.
**Shanti Project** offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.
**Ellipse**-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.
**AIDS Interfaith** Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.
**AIDS Interfaith Network** of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.
**AIDS Interfaith of Marin**: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.
**St Dominic's AIDS/ARC/HIV+** Support Group meets alternate Tues eves at 7:30 pm at St Dominic's Parish Priory, 2390 Bush St, SF. Everyone welcome! Info: 567-7824.
**The Center:** provides compassionate support services for peroples with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: (510) 655-3435.
**Van Transportation Program** for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.
**Interreligious Coalition** on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.
**Kairos House**: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.
**Multiple Loss Support Group** spons by Kairos House. 6-wk group meets Mon, 7:30-9 pm. For gay men who have experienced multiple losses during the epidemic. Facilitated by Paul Shearer, LCSW. Info/reg: 861-0877.
**Day Group for Caregivers** spons by Kairos House: Wed, noon-1:30 pm. 8-wk group for professional & non-professional caregivers. Facilitated by Steve Galper, ACSW. Info/res: 861-0877.
**Immune Enhancement Program** offers low-cost research and treatment programs for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ persons using Chinese herbs in tablet forms. Program is directed by Michael Young and run in cooperation with the Institute for Traditional Medicine, Portland, Oregon. Program includes T-cell assays, monthly acupuncture sessions, herbal consults, and all herbal tablets needed. Low-cost, $190, made possible by grants. 3450 16th St, SF. Info: 252-8711.
**AIDS Project of the East Bay** sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.
**Parents Support Group:** for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.
**Parents & Family** Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.
**Lovers, Friends, & Family** of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.
**Project Inform:** Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.
**Treatment Action Network** (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.
**SF Public Library** for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.
**Couples Group** for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430
**Couples Support Group** spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.
**Berkeley HIV+ Support Group**: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.
**HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups** spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.
**HIV + Support Group** spons by All Saints Parish. Wkly group for all HIV positive persons. Fun, relaxed, informative, supportive, spiritually-oriented (but no set doctrine or church membership required). Tues 7:30 pm. Facilitated by Judith Dunlop, pastoral associate. 1350 Waller St, SF. Info: 621-1862.
**San Joaquin AIDS Foundation:** 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.
**Home Care Wkshops:** 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.
**Men's Couples Group:** focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.
**Lovers, Family & Friends** of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.
**AIDS Legal Referral Panel:** assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.
**Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic** for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. Call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel for an appointment: 291-5454.
**AIDS Legal Services** for people with AIDS or ARC or who are HIV positive in Santa Clara County. Help preparing wills & power of attorney. Free or SL fee services. Spons by Santa Clara County Bar Assoc Law Foundation. Info: (408) 293-3135.
**Shanti Project Residences:** Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.
**Peter Claver Community** offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.
**JFCS AIDS Project:** Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.
**Emergency Health Fund** spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.
**GAPA Community HIV Project**: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 575-3939.
**Group for Gay Asian** & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.
**Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV** for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 575-3939, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9880, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0553.
**Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr:** the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.
**Napa Valley AIDS Project** provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.
**Ayurveda Health &** Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.
**The Healing Circle**: safe, supportive space for anyone on a path of self-healing & love. Thurs eves, 8-10 pm at 60 Brady St, (one block up from Market/Gough), SF. Info: Bill 864-6638.
**Food for Thought**: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.
**Gay Rescue Mission** operates drop-in ctr/soup kitchen for people with AIDS or HIV or who are in high-risk groups. Also Twelve Step programs, emergency food, clothing & care. Info: 863-4882.
**The Living Room** (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.
**Community Spirit Art Program** (CSAP): a grassroots group centered in the lesbian & gay community. Presents art exhibits, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. For info on current activites contact CSAP, Box 42, 2370 Market St, SF 94114.
**STOP AIDS** Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.
**Healing Alternatives Foundation** (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.
**Lesbians Living with HIV Concerns:** Safe place to meet weekly for ongoing support. Drop-in. Facilitated by Susan B.



**Rudolf Nureyev returns to SF on July 17 for his West Coast conducting debut at UCSF. For more info, see Calendar.**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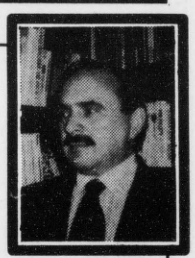

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**African-American Men** with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Mon at 6:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

**American Indian AIDS Institute:** Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

**AIDS-Vision Loss** Support Group: ongoing, wkly group open to anyone with AIDS-related sight loss. Focus of group is on how to cope with and adapt to lowered vision while living with HIV. Bi-weekly mtgs, 1-2:30 pm at Rose Resnick Ctr for the Blind & Visually Impaired, 1299 Bush St at Larkin, SF. Transportation available, call 441-1980 for details.

**In-Home Counseling Center** provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

**Federal Benefits Seminars:** twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

**Tai Chi Workout**: One hour of slow, simple exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan movements. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Free to HIV + people. Info: 255-0265.

**Services for deaf** & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD) & the Hearing Society. Mental health services, hearing aid & decoding equipment loans, and more. Call Florrie Burke at the Center on Deafness, 476-4980 (voice), 476-7600 (TDD) or Jerry Friedman at the Hearing Society, 863-4710 (voice), 863-2550 (TDD).

**EACH** (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

**Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr:** Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

**Persons With AIDS Theatre**: Offers workshops & support groups; plus stage performances, fundraisers. All theatre staff are volunteers, all services free. 140 Page St, SF. Ste 3. Info: 863-1632.

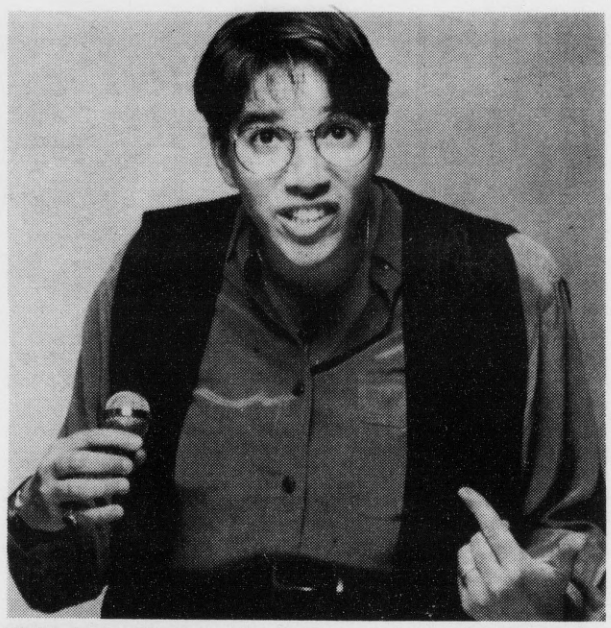
**Lesbians with HIV:** Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

**Multi-Problem** Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

**Can We Talk?** Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

**Santa Clara County** HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

**SF Dept of Social Services** offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.



**Night of queer humor at Mama Bears July 25 with Sara Cytron and Karen Ripley. Calendar has info.**

**CURAS** (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

**Nutrition & HIV:** Free drop-in group/class led by a registered dietician. 2nd Fri of each month. 5:30 pm. Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Info: (510) 547-7893.

**The HIV Connection?** Group composed of a broad spectrum of people who question the prevailing theory that HIV is a lethal virus which causes AIDS. Send SASE to The HIV Connection? 1072 Folsom St, Ste 321, SF 94103 for more info.

**Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr** offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

**Japanese American AIDS Project:** Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

**ARC/AIDS Vigil**: See Political.

**HIV + /AIDS** Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Thurs at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.

## ► ADDICTION RECOVERY

**Iris Project** (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Mon-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

**"Get Lost (Again) Columbus" plays in Pacific Grove theatre, July 24 & 31. Calendar has info.**

**Women's Alcoholism Ctr** provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

**Smith House** detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244

**Orchid Women's Recovery Ctr**: 12-bed, residential, peer-oriented, alcohol program for women, and women with children (ages 2-12). Services include women's issues, family & alumni groups, recovery & re-entry planning, alcohol-related education, follow-up-groups and more. 1342 E 27th St, SF. Info: 535-0611.

**Mills-Peninsula Hospital** Chemical Dependency Ctr, largest drug & alcohol outpatient treatment ctr in the Bay Area, offers specialized lesbian & gay treatment services. 12-week, medically-supervised individual treatment program. Confidential. Two blocks from BART in Daly City. Info: 696-5544.

**Acceptance Place** provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.

**Baker New Place** provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.

**Secular Organizations for Sobriety** (SOS), alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

**AJIRA** (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

**Pagan Womyn's Group** for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.

**Lesbians in Recovery** meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

**Al-Anon ACA** Lesbian/Women Mtg in Pacifica: Tues at 7:30 pm, Pacifica Community Center, Hwy 1 at Crespi Dr. Info: Beverly 359-6364.

**Overcoming Violent Behavior** Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

**Men-Only Weight Watchers** Group meets Wed 6:30 pm at MCC-SF.

**Lesbian Overeaters Anon** Mtg: every Tues, 8-9:15 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Everyone welcome.

**Drop-In Group** for gay men with substance abuse issues. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. All gay men welcome. Info, support & referral regarding chemical dependency. Spons by Operation Concern. 1853 Market, SF. Info: 626-7000.

**Quit Smoking Clinic:** 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.

**Gay Men's Recovery Program** incorporating education, intensive group work & socializing. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.

**Men's Sexual Addiction** 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.

**Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion**: Ongoing self-help group meets weekly in SF & Eastbay. 16-wk commitment required. Info: Jay (510) 547-8439.

**Men Overcoming Sexual** Compulsion Group meets in Oakl. Ongoing. 16-wk commitment required. Call Jay (510) 547-8439 for details.

**Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts** Anonymous 12-Step meeting meets every Mon at 6:30 pm, Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St, SF. 1st door on left.

**Sexual Compulsives** Anonymous (SCA): 12-Step group meets Sun 6-7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Rm 105. Info: Brian 821-1008.

**Adult Children of Alcoholics** Gay & Lesbian Mtg: 8 pm Wed nights in the Castro district at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 104. Info: Pauline 428-1048.

**For More Listings** under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

## ► ARCHIVES

**The Gay & Lesbian Historical** Society of Northern Caifornia collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. 2940 16th St, SF. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 42126, SF, 94142. Hrs: Wed 6-9 pm, Sat 2-5 pm, you must call ahead before coming to Archives.

**Lesbian & Gay Books** & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

**Documentation of AIDS Issues** & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 1l:30 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

## ► BISEXUAL GROUPS

**Bay Area Bisexual Network:** umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

**North American Multicultural** Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

**Bisexual Women's Rap** at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

**Bisexual Women's Support Group** meets in SF every other Sun from 3-5 pm. Not a therapy group. Occasional social outings. Info: Jo Ellen 864-3859.

**Bisexual Rap Group:** Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

**BFSF** (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.

**Bi-Friendly UC**: support group followed by social. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Davey (510) 235-6657.

**Bi-Friendly Eastbay** meets 7:30 pm, 1st Tues of each month, at the Bison Brewing Co, 2598 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley, for food, drink & conversation. Bisexuals & all bi-friendly people are welcome. Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

**Bi-Friendly South Bay** (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.

**Bi-Friendly Sonoma County:** bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

**Women's Bisexual Network** of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Meets 1st & 3rd Thurs of each month.

Drop-in, self-facilitated group open to any bisexual, questioning or bifriendly woman. For location & other info call (408) 427-4556.

**Marin Bisexual Women's** Support/Social Group meets alternate Wed in Mill Valley. Info: Marilena 381-8865.

**WRAMBA** (Women's Radical Activist Multicultural Bisexual Alliance), feminist discussion/support/political action group for bi women meets Sun, 1-4 pm. Info: Krista 661-1497.

**Be sure to check** the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

## ► CALL FOR ENTRIES

**15th Annual Mill Valley Film** & Video Fest seeks submissions. Festival takes place Oct 1-11. Submission Deadline: June 30. For requirements & other info call 383-5256 or write MVFF, 38 Miller Ave, Ste 6, Mill Valley, CA 94941.

**From Wedded Wife to Lesbian Life:** Stories of Formerly-Married Lesbians. Personal narratives, short autobiographical fiction, poems, photos sought for anthology. Send SASE for guidelines & submissions to editors Deborah Abbott/ Ellen Farmer, 1515 Capitola Rd, Ste E, Santa Cruz CA 95062. Deadline: 7/15.

**Women's Voices on Screen** seeks video & film entries. WVS is a new monthly SF series featuring women artists, beginning late July. For info call Janet 821-4676 or write c/o Old Wives Tales Bookstore, 1009 Valencia St, SF 94110. Deadline: 6/30.

**Mark I Chester Folsom Gallery** seeks proposals from lesbians, gay men & others for Chester's annual Folsom St Fair show. Work on sex, sexuality & eroticism sought, in a wide variety of media & styles. Approx 5-6 pieces may be submitted on slides. Contact Mark I Chester for full details: 544-1136 (leave message) or write PO Box 422501, SF 94142. Deadline: August 1.

**BATWA** (Bay Area Theatre Workers Assoc) welcomes applications for the 7th Annual Edith Lew Award. The award is given to a theatre company that: (1) uses paying contracts for local theater workers and (2) commits to non-traditional casting. $1500 award. For more info write to BATWA Administrative Council, 1811 Marin Ave, Berkeley 94707 or call (510) 525-2597. Deadline: August 15.

**Erotic Lesbian Fiction**: Alyson Publications seeks submissions for a new collecton of lesbian erotica. Submisions should be typed, double-spaced and include SASE. No poetry, no s/m. Send to Karen Barber, Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton St, Boston MA 02118. Deadline: 7/15.

**African American Gay & Lesbian Conference** Committee seeks submissions for several events related to the Oct '92 conference: Poster design contest, entry fee $10, cash prize $50. Flag design contest, entry fee $10, prize $200. Essay contest, "Why An African American Gay & Lesbian Flag Should Fly Over the United States," entry fee $10, $100, $50 & $25 cash prizes. Entry deadline: 7/31. Info: Midgett 648-3658.

**Women With Cancer/AIDS:** Submissions sought for an anthology that will honor our present lives, and the lives of those who have died. Your own experiences (and also those of friends, family & support workers) are welcome. 250 words or less. Photos, art work and/or tapes accepted. Send submisions (SASE if you want material returned) to On Our Rag Collective, 3543 18 St, SF, Box 21, SF 94110. Please include address or phone number where you can be reached. Info: 863-2960. Deadline: Aug 1.

**SEXART Salon:** Submissions sought for a series of pansexual multi-disciplinary events including readings, prose, poetry, theater, performance art & sex-related slideshows of artwork. Mark I. Chester, an artists interested in sexual art, seek submissions & proposals of art that hits the crossroads of sex, art and theater. Info: Mark 621-6294 or write POB 422501, SF 94142.

***Anything That Moves:*** *Beyond the Myths of Bisexuality, a quarterly magazine by, for & about bisexuals, seeks feature articles, fiction, poetry, cartoons & photos for an upcoming issue on sexuality & erotica. Send SASE to 2404 California St #24,* SF 94115 for guidelines, call 564-2226 for other info.

**Expose Yourself Cabaret**, a show of local bands' video, spons by Artists' Television Access (ATA) & BLAP Productions, seeks band videos under 10 min in lenth, VHS, with non-MTV material. Video compilation will be shown on 7/18 on Viacom cable channel 25 in SF, and will be offered to local nightclubs on a selective basis. For details call 824-3890. Submit entries to Terre, c/o ATA, 992 Valencia St, SF 94110. Deadline: 7/4.

**Television Families:** Independent Television Service (ITVS), created by Congress to infuse public broadcasting with fresh & independent programming, is accepting applications from independent producers with strong directing experience & proposals for original narrative projects whose central focus is "the family." For guidelines & other info contact Ellie Schneider, (612) 225-9035. Deadline: July 15.

**8th Annual Film Arts Festival:** Submissions of film & video sought for the 8th annual Film Arts Festival, a showcase for independent media in the Bay Area. Films & video of any length & genre, in 35mm, 16mm, Super-8 film or ¾" video (½" VHS tapes OK for preview) accepted. Festival takes place on 11/4-8 at Roxie Cinema, SF. Deadline: 7/31. Info/entry forms: Robert Hawk or Nicole Barens, Film Arts Foundation, 346 9th St, SF, 2nd floor or call 552-8760.

**Touch Press** seeks submissions to an anthology of erotic writing for & by women. Send your most polished short prose, furtherest from the mainstream & closest to your favorite body parts. Poetry considered, but prose preferred. Send SASE to Touch Press, 1075 Treat Ave, 94110.

## ► FUN & GAMES

**UC Botanical Gardens:** University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

## ► HEALTH

**Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr:** Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

**American College of Traditional** Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

**Lyon-Martin Women's Health** Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

**Lesbian Clinic** of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

**Charlotte Maxwell** Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

**Women's Cancer Resource Ctr**: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

**Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic:** testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

**Berkeley Free Clinic** offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

**Planetree** Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

**Native American Health Ctr:** 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

**Ayurveda Health & Education** Resources of SF: Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.

of **The Healing Circle**: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

**Environmental Health Network**: Nonprofit provides support, advocacy & referral for people with illnesses caused or aggravated by toxic chemicals (allergies, asthma, autoimmune diseases, chronic fatigue, etc). Voicemail: 541-5075.

## ► HOBBIES

**Hortiphiles:** a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

**Phoebe Snow Society**: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

**Gay Men's Sketch**: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

**Men's Figure Drawing Salon**: Informal, free & nude. Wed 7-9 pm. Info: 626-8349.

**Lesbian Life-Drawing Group**: Multicultural group meets every 3rd Sun of the month. Models provided. $7 fee. Info/location: 252-8514.

**Women's Sing-A-Long**: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.

**Sacred Circle Dance**: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.

**Gay & Lesbian Int'l Folk Dance** group meets every Tues in SF's Castro District. Line dances, no partners needed. Beginners welcome! 7:30-8 pm teaching, 8-9:30 pm dancing. Info/location: Jim 585-9784.

**Women Country Western Dancers:** Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 7 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.

**Western Star Dancers** offer country western & line dancing first Fri of each month. 7-9:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, Collingwood & 18th St, SF. Soft-soled shoes only. Call 621-0862.

**Dark Shadows Society:**: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

**Sheep's Clothing**: Informal group of women knitters meet fortnightly in SF to discuss everything from wool to world events over knitting, in the best Ladies' Sewing Circle and Terrorist Society tradition. Info: Gretchen 647-2017.

**SF Cable Stitchers**: Informal group of male knitters meet biweekly in SF to knit, talk, swap ideas & start a design collective. Info: Peter 824-7828.

**Bondage Buddies Group:** Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

**Gay Ham Group:** Lambda Radio Amateur Club meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Amateur Radio operators & those interested in learning about the hobby are welcome to call 863-1196 or write Lambda Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF CA 94114.

**Antique Lovers**: Group to discuss, compare & trade antiques & collectibles. Info: Marjorie 587-7210 (leave message).

**G/LOV** (Gay & Lesbian Videomakers) spons open screenings & mtgs for people involved in all aspects of the medium. Write G/LOV, Box 14051, SF 94114.

**Like to read?** Talk about books? Come to an informal monthly potluck brunch & reading discussion. For info/location: Nancy 221-5623.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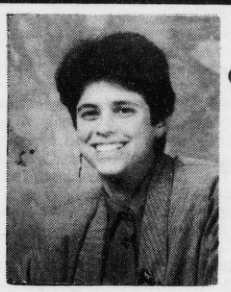

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## ► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

**SF Sex Information** Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.

**SF Gender Information**: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

**Battered Lesbian** 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

**San Mateo Battered Women's** Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

**Battered Women's Alternatives:** Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

**Call CUAV** (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 864-7233.

**Gay Domestic Violence:** info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

**Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard** trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.

**SF AIDS Foundation** Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

**AIDS Legal Referral Panel:** see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

**Poison Control Central:** 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

**SF Drug Line:** support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

**Discriminated Against** because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

**Renters: Learn Your Rights!** Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

**SF Tenants Union**: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

**Sentinel Fair Housing**: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

**ECHO Housing**, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

**Senior Information Line:** events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

**Neighbors Driving You Crazy?** Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

**GLADRS** (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.

**Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau**: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.

**SF Women Against Rape** provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

**Feminist Therapy Referral Project** has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call 843-9249.

**California Youth Crisis Line** provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

**Calif Lawyers for the Arts** (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

**The Calif Network** of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

**Breaking Walls, Building Bridges**: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.

## ► INCEST AND BATTERY

**Support Group for Adult Men** Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.

**Survivors of Incest, Anonymous** : 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

**Ritual Abuse Survivors**: Women's Support Group. Meets wkly, free. Info/location: (510) 534-9928.

**Partners of Survivors** of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: 839-8844.

**Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter:** Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

**Overcoming Violent Behavior** Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

**Support Group for Men** who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.

**Support Group for Lesbians** who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

**Battered Women's Alternatives**: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.

**Formerly Battered Women**: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.

**Battered Lesbian Outreach:** offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

**Battered Lesbian** 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

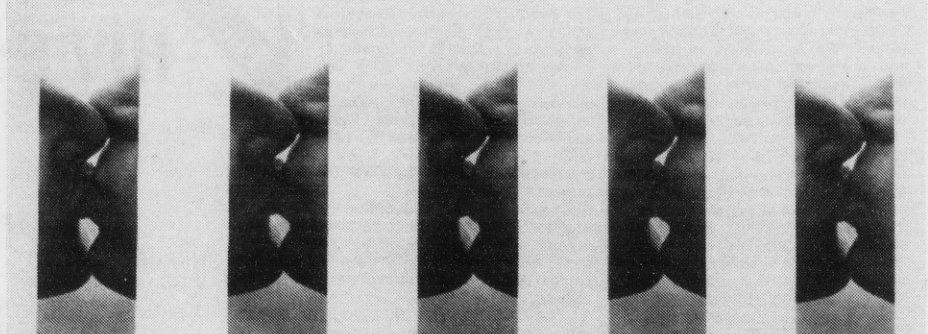
**La Casa de las Madres** provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

**Rosalie House's** offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

**For more listings** under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups"**.

## ► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

**Prospective Queer Parents** Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

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**"Kissing," photo exhibit by Jeff Norman at Robert Koch Gallery. Galleries has details.**

**Black Female Couples With Children** Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.

**Lesbian Moms** of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

**Lesbians with Babies Group** meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.

**Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Single** Parents: Meet to schmoooz, give mutual support. Info: Michele 826-9215.

**Southbay Gay Parents:** an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.

**Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption?** Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

**Adoption Support Groups** for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.

**Chain of Life**: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

**NOCIRC** (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.

**GLADRS** (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.

**Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program** offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.

**FOCUS**: (Focus on Children Under Siege), see Political.

**Be sure to check** the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

## ► PEOPLE OF COLOR

**Black & White Men Together** Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.

**United Colors of Queer Nation:** Direct action group for queers of color. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.

**Bisexual People of Color** Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

**Lesbians of Color/**Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.

**Zebra Brigade**: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.

**African American lesbians 40+**: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.

**Ache**: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.

**Black Female Couples With Children** Support Group: See Parenting.

**Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch** Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.

**Third World People with AIDS**/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

**Asian/Pacific** HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

**AIDS/HIV Info Group** for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

**Gay Asian Rap Group** in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

**CASA**: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

**CURAS** (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.

**GELAAM:** Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that participates in the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 2nd Sat of each month. Monthly newsletter, "Ambiente." For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 626-8318.

**AGUILAS** (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.

**Latin Lesbians** of the Eastbay: Monthly mtgs just to socialize. Call Gloria (510) 530-3473 for info/location.

**Chinese Lesbian Social Group**: for info call 826-2455.

**Chinese Gay Group** meets for monthly potluck and/or varied activities. Also social group for singles. Info: 776-1892 or 397-9863.

**Asian Pacifica Sisters** (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Anna 334-5040 for more information.

**Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean?** Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.

**Asian & Pacific Islander** Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

**Vietnamese Gay Men's Group:** Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.

**Black Gay & Bisexual** Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

**Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance** (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.

**Support Group for Asian**/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.

**African-American Men** dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

**Bay Area HIV Support** & Education Service (BAHSES) provides assistance to gay/bisexual men who are HIV positive—see AIDS Resources. Group spons by Black & White Men Together & Men of All Colors Together.

**African-American Women** with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

**Lesbians of Color** sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

**Motorcycle Club** for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.

**Artists of Color Open Mike Night** at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.

**BAYBLAG** (Bay Area Black Lesbians & Gays) support group for men & women of African American descent. Spons social & political functions, facilities outreach programs, etc. Info: Midgett 648-3658, Dewitt 641-7971.

**Free Mental Health Services** for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.

**Female to Male** Pre-Op Transsexual Survival/Support Group for FTMs of color. See Transgender Groups.

**Theater Writing Class** for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people of color. Ongoing, see Youth.

## ► PERFORMANCE & LITERARY ARTS

**Mothertongue Feminist Theater** Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.

**Community Spirit Art Program** (CSAP), a grassroots group centered in the gay & lesbian community. Presents art exhibitions, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. See AIDS Resources for details.

**Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts**: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.

**VOICES**: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.

**Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF** invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: Pat Parr 621-3088.

**The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers** encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 681-8008. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

**Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle:** Meets monthly for dinner, informal performances by group members. Amateur musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael (510) 525-6723, Bob (415) 863-8268.

**STBS**, a nonprofit tix agency operated by Performing Arts Services, sells full-price tix in adv & half-price tix day of show. Proceeds benefit Bay Area performing arts. Booth at Union Square, 251 Stockton (btwn Post & Geary) and at One Embarcadero Ctr (street level), SF. Info: 433-STBS.

**GAWK** (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

**Artist Support Group**: For all creative artists, including writers & musicians. Networking, plus occasional mtgs. SF location. Call Steve 756-8431.

**TS-ART** Transsexual artists/writers network. See Transgender Groups.

**Lesbian Visual Artists**: A promotional & networking organization for lesbian visual artists. LVA follows an activist agenda, promoting visibility. Produces events, newsletter & exhibitions. For info call 821-2975 or write LVA, 3543 18th St #5, SF 94110.

**Queer Women's Art Support**/Network Group: For musicians, writers, visual artists, pagans, etc. Must be serious & committed to your art. Wild women welcome! Donation requested, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: (510) 533-2648.

**Fat Lip Readers Theatre**: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.

**Bay Area Raw Rahs**: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance exhibition group. Performs dance routines, human pyramids, gymnastic stunts & cheers at ballgames, parades & festivals. 2-hr Sunday practices. No experience necessary. Info: Michael (415) 474-5486 or Steve (510) 228-7497.

**Cocoons:** Social/networking group for culturally diverse emerging painters seeks people committed to their artwork. Info: 431-8045.

**Racially Diverse Lesbian Writers** group welcomes new members. For location, time & other info call Debra (510) 653-4135 or Christina (415) 626-0475.

**Lesbian feminist artist support** group for lesbians with chronic illness meets once or twice a month in SF/Eastbay for discussion, critique, inspiration & support for doing our art despite the limits of our illness. Access to womyn with El a priority. Chairs & bed available at mtg, 20 stairs to mtg place. No SIGN/ASL interpreter. Info: Naja (510) 548-1549 or Mickey (510) 843-2649.

## ► POLITICAL

**LABIA** (Lesbians & Biwomyn in Action) group for lesbian & biwomyn interested in raising consciousness & visibility of lesbian & bisexual issues within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action & education. Multicultural group. Info: 985-7141.

**United Colors of Queer Nation**: direct action group for queers of color. See People of Color listings for more info.

**Outrage!** San Francisco. Direct Action. Call 985-7141 for more information.

**QueerNET SF**: A queer activist networking & educational group committed to the empowerment, expansion & celebration of queer culture in all of its diversity. QueerNET conducts special events & activities to promote queer culture thru outreach, education, art, visibility & consciousness-raising. Meets

1st & 3rd Sun of each month. Info: 985-7141.

**Queer Nation East Bay** works to promote lesbian, gay & bisexual visibility and acceptance throughout the East Bay. For meeting times/location and for upcoming actions, call (510) 464-3072.

**Feminists for Animal Rights** welcomes women in working to end all forms of exploitation against animals. For info re newsletter, meetings, events, t-shirt, etc, call (510) 644-1753.

**Gay & Lesbian Alliance** Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114. New defamations discussed 1st Thurs of each month, 7 pm, 514 Castro St, SF.

**BiPol:** bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

**Lesbian Uprising!** A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.

**War Tax Resistors** Support Gathering: 2nd Sun of each month. Keep your money from funding oppression & destruction. Call 843-9877 for info. Eastbay & SF locations.

**Berkeley Women in Black:** We mourn Middle East violence & the Israeli occupation. We want negotiations now for a just & lasting peace. Join us: Vigil every Fri, noon-1 pm, at Telegraph & Haste, in front of Cody's Books. Info: Ruth 644-0480. All women welcome.

**Veterans CARE** (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.

**Lavender SIG** (Special Interest Group: A national political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals and gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

**Int'l Wages for Housework** Campaign, Int'l Black Women for Wages for Housework, Wages Due Lesbians, and the US PROStitutes Collective: To connect with these groups, write PO Box 14512, SF 94114 or call 558-9628.

**Pallas Athena Network**: An open, supportive network for women veterans to discuss issues, experiences, thoughts & ideas with other women who share the common bond of military service. Bimonthly publication, *Pallas Athena*, provides articles of interest to women vets, including letters, fiction, creative work & resource information. All women veterans, regardless of race, creed, religion or sexual orientation, are welcome. A discreet supplement by/for lesbian vets is available. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Write: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

**NGLTF** (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.

**WHAM!/Bay Area**: Women's Health Action & Mobilization, a women's direct action group committed to promoting women's health, securing & defending women's right to control our own bodies & have access to free community controlled healthcare for all women. Meets alternate Mon, 7 pm, at New College, 777 Valencia St at 19th, SF. All women who believe healthcare is political are welcome. Call 985-7141.

**FOCUS** (Focus on Children Under Siege) sees a future where children are no longer physically, emotionally or sexually abused. Monthly mtgs held 7-9 pm at Hayward Public Library, 835 "C" Street, Hayward. Info: (510) 449-4230 or (510) 449-9663.

## ► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

**Golden Gate Business Association** (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

**Brava! For Women** in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

**Federal Lesbians & Gays** (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.

**Pallas Athena Network:** Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

**G/LOV:** Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

**Chevron Lesbian & Gay** Employees Association: Call 928-7318 for meeting times & other information.

**Women's Business Network** (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.

**Gays & Lesbians in Planning**: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

**BANGLE** (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.

**SF BANGLE** meets the 3rd Sun of each month. For more info write PO Box 460545, SF 94146.

## ► SENIORS

**Operation Concern's GLOE** (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

**Senior Information Line:**—see Hotlines & Referrals.

**St Francis of Assisi** Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

## ► SOCIAL GROUPS

**Girth & Mirth Club** of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

**UCGALA** (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

**Cal Poly GALA** (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

**Fremont Men** Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info call (510) 790-0267.

**Berkeley Flats Dykes** (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.

**Tri-City Area Lesbians**: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.

**Albany Dykes**: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.

**Napa Valley Women's Network** meets 1st Fri eve of each month for socializing, card parties, potlucks, etc. For more info call (707) 944-8081.

**Solano Lambda Men's Assoc**: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.

**Couples/SF Bay Area** Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call Sam & Ted 929-8402 or Suzanne & Deborah 355-7710.

**Women Over 50** Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.

**Soul Ventures** social group for the Bay Area HIV + /PWA community, see AIDS Resources for details.

**Shalom!** halach'ti bezmano le'mifgashim shel kvoot'sat ha'homo'im vehalesbiyot hayisraelim/yisraeliyot vehaya mesha'amem pachad! Vegam hayoo yoter midai bachoorim. Ani rot'sa lehat'chil kvott'sa chadasha lelesbiyot bilvad. Ulai kvott'sa zo lo hmila hamat'ima. Me'oonyenet lit'sor eiso'shehi misgeret le'pgishot, bilooyim, kef, ve'tmicha. Be'ivrit, ve'ivrit bilvad. Nu... nishma ma'anyen? kitvi ma barosh shelach la'asot be'kvott'sa shekazot, et haktovet ve'hatelefon shelach, ve'et'sor itach kesher bekarov. Na'ama, 35 The Cresecent, Berkeley 94708.

**Die naechsten Potluckparty** des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.

**Russian**-speaking potluck social: 2nd Fri of every month. All ability levels welcome, from native to beginner. Info/location: Don 329-1438.

**Language Practice/Social Group** for people of color; see People of Color.

**Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch** Group, see People of Color.

**Bridging the Gap Alliance**: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

**Eurofemme:** European-born women's social group. Lesbians, feminists, artists, politicos, glam, butch—all welcome. Info: Nicola 621-5443.

**East Bay Network**: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.

**Brainy, Artsy Gals**: Monthly gatherings for women who enjoy good food & conversation. Info: 658-9389.

**Lesbian Friday Night** Group: Meet 1st Fri of month for relaxed conversation around a good vegetarian potluck dinner & delicious dessert! Watch movies, plan outings, etc. Lesbians only. Couples & singles welcome. Berkeley location. Info: (510) 559-8355.

**New Horizons:** Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: Jeff 457-3523.

**Smokers Social Group**: For smokers who feel more comfortable socializing with other smokers. Wkly card games, potluck, movies, video, outing & raps. Free. Info/location: 647-1479.

## ► SPIRITUALITY

**Shabbat Services** with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

**Temple Israel of Alameda**: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.

**Jewish Lesbians, bisexual** women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.

**Nishmat Shalom:** An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.

**Gay Buddhist Fraternity:** For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 1788, Sausalito, CA 94966. Please include your phone number.

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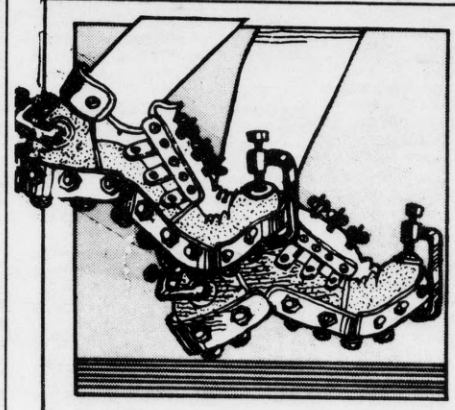

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**Women's Circle Network**: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.

**Spiritual Company**, a non-sectarian meditation & discussion group meets twice monthly to share the peace, strength, hope & love that our chosen paths have brought us. Call 647-9609 or write 95 Corwin St #2, SF 94114.

**St Marks Lutheran Church** Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

**Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle** comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

**Gay Spirit Drumming Circle** meets at 194 Church Street, SF for a celebration with dancing, drumming & meditation. Info: Bob 456-1108.

**St Paul's Lutheran Church**: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

**Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry**: Voice & Vision—ministry of advocacy, affirmation & spiritual care. Programs include individual & couples counseling, holy unions, support groups, a ritual group for lesbians, workshops & more. Info: Jeff, Ruth or Phyllis at 553-4026.

**Creating Our Sacred Space**: monthly spirituality gathering for lesbians exploring feminist spiritual perspectives which honor women's bodies & experiences. Spons by Voice & Vision: Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry. Info: Phyllis or Ruth 553-4026.

**Acceptance: Baptist** Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

**American Baptists Concerned:** a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.

**Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church** (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.

**Bethany United Methodist Church:** Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

**Montclair Presbyterian Church** welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.

**Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church**: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.

**St John's Presbyterian Church**: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.

**Alameda First Congregational** Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.

**Lutherans Concerned/SF**: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.

**Christian Women's** Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

**Metropolitan Community Church** (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

**Golden Gate MCC** Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

**New Life MCC** Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. SIGN. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.

**MCC of San Lorenzo** meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

**Diablo Valley MCC** Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

**New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa** meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

**Russian River MCC** Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.

**Evangelicals Concerned-SF**: Local chapter of a national organization. EC-SF is a Bible/Christ-centered ecumenical (non-denominational) fellowship & prayer support group for lesbians, gays & non-gay Christians. Group believes that sexual orientation is a gift from God, and seeks to support gay & lesbian persons in the integration of their sexuality & their spirituality. Group spons bible study, healing prayer group, annual retreat & monthly social activities. For info write: EC-SF, PO Box 14052, SF 94114-0052.

**Freedom in Christ** Evangelical Church: Group of evangelical Christian gays who have banded together in a local Bible-believing church where Jesus Christ is Lord. All are welcome. Service: Sun 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Tues at 7:30 pm study in classical Christianity at Dolores Street Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Info: 647-0184.

**Showers of Blessing** Full Gospel Cathedral: A pentecostal church for gays & lesbians. 2 pm Sun mtgs. For info/location: Bishop Tony R. White 771-5872.

**Hosanna Church of Praise,** a Christian church w/a special ministry to the gay & lesbian community. Emphasis on healing ministry, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Support of gay/lesbian causes. 10 am. First United Methodist Church Chapel, 24 N 5th St, downtown San Jose. Info: Rev. F. Randall Hill, (408)293-2437.

**Prince of Peace Community Church** of San Jose meets 10:30 am at DeFrank Community Ctr, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Emphasis on love, caring & concern for gay/lesbians. Rev Bob Wheatley, pastor; Rev Barbara Martzall, assistant pastor. Info: (408) 298-3548.

**Agape Full Gospel Fellowship:** Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 6:30 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7:30 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or Deacon Joel Daniels 864-3868.

**St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic** Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

**Open Arms Community Church** meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.

**Trinity Episcopal Church:** traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.

**Holy Innocents Episcopal Church** in Noe Valley: Friendly neighborhood & community church. Emphasis on liturgy, preaching, music, social activities. Rev Armand Kreft, vicar; Rev Karen Siegriedt, deacon. Solemn Mass at 10 am, Sun. 455 Fair Oaks St, btwn 25th & 26th, Dolores & Gurrero, SF. Info: 824-5142.

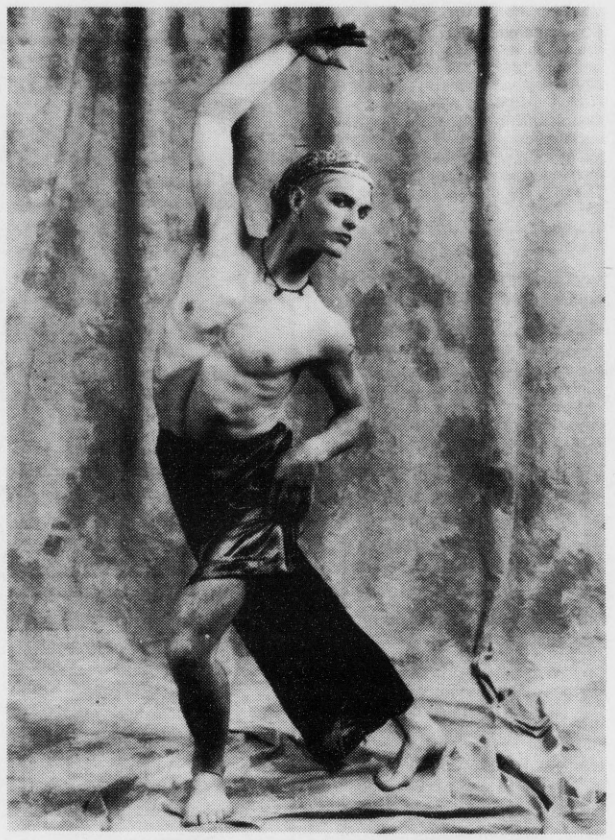
**St John the Evangelist Church**. Christian fellowship in strong liturgical tradition. Welcomes gays & lesbians. Daily Eucharist. Grief support, quiet prayer, Bible study, inclusive women's group. Sun service 11 am. 1661 15th St, SF, near BART station. Info: Julian 861-1436.

**Integrity SBA:** Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.

**The Parsonage,** an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.

**Integrity/El Camino Real:** Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.

**Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons**. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 5:30 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.



**"The Seventh Veil," dance performance based on the myth of Salome, opens The LAB's Summertime Dance Project. Calendar has info.**

**Unitarian Universalists** for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.

**Dignity/SF:** Faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Roman Catholics, and friends. Inclusive-language Mass every Sun at 5:30 pm at Dolores Street Church, 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Call 255-9244 for more info.

**Most Holy Redeemer** Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St (18th & Diamond, in the Castro), SF. Masses: Sat 5 pm; Sun 7:30 & 10 am. Weekdays 8 am & 5:30 pm. Outreach to lesbians & gay men, AIDS support group. All welcome. Info: 863-6259.

**Avatar Meher Baba:** gay & lesbian followers present meetings, discussion groups, social events. Info: Larry 441-7008.

**Noe Valley Ministry:** An inclusive community. Worship service: 10 am Sun. 1021 Sanchez St, SF. Info: 282-2317.

**Peace United Church:** Liberal Protestant church; small & caring community, creative worship gatherings. Sensitive to social & political justice issues. Two lesbian ministers. Worship service Sun at 7 pm at 424 Monte Vista Ave (corner of Oakland Ave), Oakland. Info: (510) 486-0625. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible.

**GLAD Alliance** (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.

**The Church of Amron**, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.

**First Congregational Church**, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.

**World Peace/Inner Peace:** Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.

**Tayu Center**, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study group meets every Tues eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

**Emerge!**, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.

**First Church of Religious Science** of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets monthly to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.

**Gay Religious Science Practitioner** in final stage of formal training offers free scientific mind treatments in loving & non-dogmatic context. Call Robert Lokahi 832-7120.

**Golden Gate Institute** of Religious Science: An educational outreach ministry of the Independent Church of Religious Science, serving the gay & lesbian community. Classes & credentials offered. Write Rev Jon Lindsay, 36250 Easterday Way, Fremont CA 94536 for more info.

**Spiritual Arts Church** of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Delores St, SF. Room 201. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Mon, Wed & Fri, 9 am-noon at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 213. Info: 255-8460.

**California Miracles Ctr:** Well-established course in Miracles ministry in the Upper Market/Castro neighborhood. Sun morning service at 11 am. Principles of Healing Study Group meets every Sun morning at 9:30 am. Classes in ACIM meet at various times throughout the week, with two outreach classes now meeting in Oakland. 2269 Market St, SF. Info: 621-2556.

**Marin Course in Miracles Group** meets Tues 7-9:30 pm to discuss how the Course works in our lives. For location & other info call Bob 456-1108.

**Aquarian Foundation**: Church dedicated to God, individual rights, psychical research & spiritual miracles. Sun worship service at 11 am, spiritual psychic readings demonstrated. Spiritual healing services Wed at 8 pm. 2250 Taraval St, SF. Info: Rev Jann Werner 661-3622.

**Gay Clergy Support** Group for professed clergy. Socialize & network/exchange with other gay religious & clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

## ► SPORTS

**Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes** interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 654-9719 for details.

**SF Frontrunners** Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.

**Eastbay Frontrunners Club** sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

**Baylands Frontrunners:** For Peninsula & Southbay runners & walkers. Men & women welcome. Meets every Sat at 9 am, at the Baylands Athletic Center, Geng Road, off Embarcadero, east of 101, Palo Alto. Info: Linda (408) 245-5083 or Jay (415) 858-2800.

**SF Hiking Club:** join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 285-1260 eves.

**Different Spokes/SF:** Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular 40-mile ride each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.

**Marin Hike & Bike Club** for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys in a positive, non-toxic outdoor environment. Informal club gathers for hikes, bike rides, camping trips, as well as purely social events. No membership fees. For info send SASE to PO Box 511 Forest Knolls, CA 94933.

**Gay/Lesbian Sierrans**: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).

**Gay/Lesbian Sierrans** Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.

**Wilderness Women** explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

**Golden Gate Wrestling Club** holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991.

**SF Wrestling Club**: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

**Motorcycle Club** for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.

**Dyke Diver** offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

**Sea Snakes** Northern Calif Gay & Lesbian Diving Club. North coast dives, certification classes, social events & warm water dives. For info send SASE to Sea Snakes, 291 Geary St, Ste 619A, SF, 94102-1863 or call 431-1340.

**SF Tsunami**: Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim Team. All ability levels welcome to attend 4 weekly coached workouts. Sun 10-11:45 am at King Pool, 3rd & Carroll, SF. Mon 7:30-9 pm, Wed 6:15-7:30 pm and Thurs 6:15-8 pm at Hamilton Pool, Geary & Steiner, SF. For info call Marta 241-9632 or Ken 621-2778.

**Gay/Lesbian Sailing** on the Bay, for fun & relaxation. Call Bruce 626-2026 for details.

**Premier Soccer:** Premier lesbian players interested in playing hard & pretty, call 835-1095.

**Women's Soccer Team**: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

**Women's Soccer Team** welcomes experienced players. Info: Linda (510) 540-7540.

**Men's Soccer Team**, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.

**SF Women's FLAG Football** League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.

**Stonewall Climbers:** Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 327-5329 or 648-3059.

**Gay Tennis Federation:** A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 550-1820.

**SF Women's Judo Club:** Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.

**Ronin Dojo Karate** School for Women offers instruction in Keno Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 695-0735.

**Aikido Arts Center:** For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.

**PAWMA** (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.

**Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers**: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.

**BICEPS** (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.

**Eureka Valley Rec Ctr** in the Castro offers free adult programs for everyone: Mon—women's basketball, square dance. Tues—badminton, wrestling club, folk dance. Wed—women's night! Basketball, volleyball, square dance. Thurs—free-play basketball. Sat—men's volleyball, Sun—men's volleyball & men's basketball. For time, to donate exercise equipment, or for other info call 554-9528.

**Lesbian & Gay Frisbee Team**: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. Beginners welcome! Call Claire Siverson 285-0936 or Walter Parsley 824-6558 for location & other info.

**Outdoor Activities Group**: Meet for biking,hiking, camping, boating, etc. Dogs welcome! Info/details: Jo Ann 986-4507.

**Eastbay Gay/Bi Sports** Players Social Group: Free, informal competition. All levels, ages, genders, races, welcome. No regular attendance commitment. Choice of softball, basketball, volleyball, football, tennis. Suggestions welcome. Info: 769-2583.

**Rollerblade Club** for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.

## ► SUPPORT GROUPS

**Loss, Grief & Recovery** support group for individuals grieving a death. Learn about normal grief, coping with feelings, caring for yourself, giving & receiving support, rearranging your life, exploring future options. Spons by Hospice by the Bay. Free. 1550 Sutter St (nr Octavia), SF. Info: 673-2020.

**Losing A Best Friend**: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Mon of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.

**Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous:** SF group, see Incest & Battery.

**Women's Cancer Support Groups:** spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

**Lesbian Adoptees:** open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

**Adoptees, Birth Parents** & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

**Woman to Woman SM**: Join the Outcasts, an educational, support & social group for lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women interested in SM with other women. Info/membership: write POB 31266, SF CA 94131-0266.

**WSSM** (Women Supporting SM) meets in Sonoma County the 1st Sun of each month. Call M for location: (707) 525-9833.

**Palo Alto Lesbian Rap** Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

**Lesbian El Support Group:** East Bay Environmental Illness support group. Info: Mickey (510) 843-2649, Naja (510) 548-1549, Randa (415) 648-9481.

**Lesbian feminist artist support** group for lesbians with chronic illness—See Performance/Literary Arts.

**Graves' Disease** (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.

**Women with Chronic Illnesses**, disabilities, pain & hidden disabilities support group: Leaderless & egalitarian, emphasis on honesty, humor, listening. Share resources, problems, challenges, fears with others who understand. Mtg every other Wed in SF. Free. Call Leigh

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*Aha! It is the infamous Spokepoker!!*

## Drug Dens of the Bored and Beautiful

First off, I would like to settle one thing. The local band referred to as Spokepower in my last column does not indeed go by that name but rather Spoke*poker*. It was a typo somewhere along the line and I hope all is straightened out now. However, after Spokepoker's show in the smaller lounge of Fusion a couple of Thursdays ago, I bet there's very little doubt about who Spokepoker is and what it's called.

The trio of musicians, fronted by that ball-of-fire vocalist, Valerie, ripped out a show that burned with passion, captivated a larger-than-usual crowd for that room, and catapulted this new band into a realm of greatness that had me scratching my head and saying, "Is this the same band I heard and reviewed less than a week ago?" Sure, I liked them a lot at that previous show, but at Fusion it was an honor to witness this new configuration experiencing an obvious breakthrough as a performing unit.

Valerie glowed with a certain assuredness, her voice and words delivered with the soulfulness exuded by one who first realizes the band is playing for a large group of—dare I say it?—fans. A devoted following was definitely in bloom, and there are few artists in the world who don't crave such a response and thrive on it. Spokepoker rang a bell that night, playing all their songs and maybe even repeating one at the screaming, applauding behest of the audience. To put it bluntly, they kicked ass big time. Go see this band.

Speaking of kicking ass, let's hear it for Fusion, the club that has bumped its way to the top of my list as the nightspot with the most to offer and the highest rate of swingin' good times per month on my personal clubland party tally. The main reasons for this are the ideas and the efforts of Michael Blue and his blessed little pre-bar, the Egyptian-looking lounge between the front door and the larger blue discofantasyland room that the majority usually heads for. From the time Fusion opened till the present, Michael has featured many fine acts, including Malibu Barbie, Stone Fox, God's Girlfriend, Omewenne, Danielle Willis, Fat Chance Belly Dance, Pussy Tourette and even Jerome and Rena dressed as nurses, luring the innocent to their first aid station, with "enema" written all over their faces.

Not only does he come up with live entertainment, but Michael also engineers an occasional theme night like Middle Eastern, rock 'n' roll (my personal fave), *Hee Haw*, the '80s, etc., providing go-go dancers who always reflect the theme magnificently while he continues to astonish from the DJ booth with his frighteningly complete knowledge of many types of music from his multi-specialized collection. It seems there's not a theme he isn't prepared for. His little lounge has developed more and more at a slow and steady rate. What used to be a quieter room, an option for lower volume and loungey behavior or conversation, has become for many the main reason to attend.

Perhaps that's why I enjoy Fusion so much—it simply provides an option, two different environments to choose from. You can opt for whatever madness Michael has dreamed up or you can traipse on in to the smoky, sweaty, techno-house realm provided by Lewis Walden and Nikki Rivera for non-stop dancing under a retractable roof and over a fiberglass-covered swimming pool. I think everyone wants that, too. The lighting is incredible, utilizing my favorite innovation in that area, a series of blue strobe lights flicked on in unison. In all, Fusion is satisfying on every level, and I haven't even mentioned the open-air upper deck where you can discreetly smoke and heckle people passing by on the sidewalk below. Ain't we got fun! Speaking of kicking butt—Michael, Lewis and Nikki have got their party boots on and they're doing it right.

### CLUB CAPSULES

It hardly seems fair that I would spend all those column inches on one club when I get around to so many, so I decided to offer brief capsule descriptions and opinions on some of my other frequent haunts these days.

**Carefree:** I probably wanted to hate this club when it opened because the name reminded me of a feminine hygiene product, but I've found myself waltzing in there on the late side a lot. It's a blast to experience this massive rave world while most of the real world is sleeping. And it's an inspiration that drugs make this all possible. Thousands of people won't have to make their beds anymore on Sunday, but they might have to make their connection to continue their run with the effervescent party nation that forms at Carefree by—what seems like—the thousands. The lights are absolutely incredible; sound system powerful beyond belief; and the music varies all the time, depending on special guest DJs from abroad popping in and what time of night/morn-

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ing you get there. Nikki plays there and gets better and better all the time. But I have to say that at times the music frustrates me completely. New innovations and high-tech abilities sometimes induce quick and spastic DJ acrobatics that I find frustrating when I'm looking for a long hard groove instead of trippy jerky sampling and whatnot. I don't know a lot about house music, but I do know what makes me dance so hard I almost have to take my shirt off (something I never do at the dinner table or on the dance floor). I do, however, fully enjoy watching Carefree's sweaty shirtlessness dynamic in full force. It's nothing like the repulsive roasted brown skin and steroid pumped breasts of that chicken rotisserie display we know as Colossus. And this time chicken doesn't mean young boys—not that youth matters when you're wearing expensive undies from Under Cover and dialing 976 numbers on a cellular phone all the way home to Walnut Creek. Carefree feels more natural, less classist, and you only see a handful of 'roid ravers (steroid queens on Ecstasy who rave after Colossus) present.

To end on a cheery note, I must say that the staff of Carefree is pretty magnificent. Considering crowd size and the possible problems largeness creates, their team of security people is calm, not impolite, not scary and, most important, they're effective and they're total fucking studs. Don't let the headsets scare you, they're just talking to Janet Jackson. The door people are also courteous and always ready to hear yet another reason why someone should be comped in (like the gentleman called America whom I dealt with most recently). Kim, the guitarist for Stone Fox, works the bar and is always nice. And last but not least, my favorite, the tough chick/major goddess, tell-it-like-it-is gal—Jennifer, the icing on the Carefree staff cake. Let them all be an example of just how important it is to staff a club properly. Nary a customer wants to be treated like an animal or ingrate, and that never happens at Carefree.

**Dekadence:** Speaking of fine staff, in spite of recent controversies regarding Dekadence originator Jeff Palmer, a heavy-handed employee memo that was made public, and countless other silly issues I don't care about, Dekadence has another grand lineup of employees from doorman to barback. Their dancers, except for Fatima, leave a lot to be desired, and the music seems a bit dated and overwrought, though oddly enough, proper for what Dekadence is—a Friday night club, close to a freeway, that packs in a healthy crowd, controversy or not. I've always liked the club for its generic gay bar qualities. Now that there's an informal boycott, I find it a haven from the usual glitterati. In fact, it's almost a bar full of strangers. The decor is an everchanging effort by Miriam and Catherine and others and has always remained one of the bar's most consistent features. Honest efforts of many go into this bar, and those efforts shouldn't be overlooked based on the turbulent behavior of one individual promoter.

**The Detour:** Best goddamn neighborhood bar in the city, especially when Michael Pandolfi is spinning. Super-cute bartenders, super-cheap beer busts, super-cruisy.

**Uranus:** What can be said that hasn't already? Uranus has established itself as an institution of subcultural expression. The bar defined a scene—a scene that won't relinquish its identity and won't stop rearing its non-complacent queer head till we own this town.

**The End-Up on Sunday mornings, 6 am:** The most remarkably surreal bar experience in the city. A ritual that spans decades now, liberally enriched by the rave scene. I remember when going there in the morning was looked upon as a scuzzy activity. Now, everyone you know will be there! Find the most uptight acquaintance you've ever spotted there at 6 am, waltz over to him and say, "Gee, you're up early." Play special End-Up games like spotting the Tweak of the Week, Raver of the Week and the one who actually slept the night before. When you start to play "Who deserves to die because of his outfit," it might be time to go.

### SONDHEIM RULES

Playstitute at Life on the Water presents "Sondheimania!" Anyone who sends out a press release that has me laughing non-stop must be at the helm of a monstrously hilarious event, one that I'll happily preview.

The winners of the most consistently funny press release are, hands down, by far Remix and Diet von Popstitute of Klubstitute fame. Speaking of Klubstitute, don't you just miss the dickens out of that queer nightclub and cabaret, now on a hopefully brief hiatus? This one-night-only event at Life on the Water is, in true Klubstitute fashion, an all-star musical tribute to fave bachelor Steven Sondheim, who, among many other great musical theater achievements, recently turned down an award given to him by the evil NEA. Hail Sondheim!

This night is also a benefit for Playstitute, the ones who brought you *Carrie* and *Beach Party on the Black Lagoon,* and who are fighters on the front line for artistic expression. The line-up promises to provide local stars singing, lip-synching or whatever else to their favorite Sondheim vehicle of choice. The list of stars is far too long to repeat completely, but features Connie Champagne, Timmy Spence, Billy De Herrera, Michael Benbrook, Omewenne, Miss X, Scorchy, Elvis Herselvis and Danielle Willis—to name a few. On the press release, at the tail end of the list of performers, it reads, "And any other really butch, pierced and tattooed, crucial, industrial, modern, primitive dudes we run into at the Detour who admit they couldn't get enough of him in their high school drama club before they discovered Nine Inch Nails and gosh they'd love to sing 'Maria' from *West Side Story* if we could squeeze them in."

This evening is dedicated to Diet's deceased brother, Steven, who was a classic Sondheim Queen if ever there was one, and to Mark H., a former trick of Diet's who once insisted he enjoyed an S/M affair on Fire Island with the honoree in the late '70s. The press release continues, "... but the guys in N.Y.C. used to say all sorts of things at the baths on a Sunday after dancing all night at the Saint, so why drag that trash into what promises to be such a classy, elegant and swanky evening of non-stop entertainment!" There is also a lengthy description of who Sondheim is, what he's responsible for, etc.

The event takes place on Monday, July 20, 7 pm till midnight. The evening begins with an hour of Sondheim overtures cranked over a state-of-the-art sound system, then performances start at 8 pm sharp. Tickets are available from the Life on the Water box office at (415) 776-8999 and will run you a $6 to $10 sliding scale. All ages welcome. I personally wouldn't miss this for the world. My roommate is practicing something from *A Little Night Music* as I type this—some Margaret Hamilton number.

## 500 Years...

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spoke, in part, to Zia's comments about Korean/Black conflicts. "We have to look at why African Americans have rage [against Asians], and struggle with it in a principled way."

Lakota Harden, a Native American activist, opened by welcoming participants "to my home. After centuries we're still gracious hosts and hostesses."

After lunch, the group strategized on how to outreach individual communities so that town meetings on hate crimes can occur.

The July 11 forum is not the end of the line for the UAG. Future plans include an October 24 hearing documenting hate crimes and a petition drive to retry the three cops who beat Rodney King.

Davis said that the group wants to use 1992 "as a launching pad to begin to do something new." While she acknowledged that no similar forum is being held anywhere else in the country, there are individuals exploring similar ideas. "Hopefully, this will be a model," she said.

Zia agreed that what happened in Oakland might indeed serve as a model for the rest of the country. She doesn't think that it will be difficult to mobilize people around hate-crime issues beyond the planned October Quincentennial.

"There's always going to be something," she said. "One thing we have no lack of is causes and injustices."

# lounging about by val c. phoenix

## Juliana Hatfield: Little-Girl Lost

*The members of HMtB (l-r): Lee Paiva, Debbie Nishihara, Helena Thompsin, Terri Winston.*

Formerly with Boston's Blake Babies, Hatfield is now out on her own and giving full sway to her neuroses. As heard on her fine new disc, *Hey Babe,* Hatfield's preoccupations include obsessively bad relationships, lack of personal fulfillment, and a bad attitude. What fun! My only complaint is that there's no lyric sheet enclosed, and since Hatfield's vocals are mixed far back on most of the tracks, it's hard to decipher what she's singing about.

What makes this truly original is that the above-mentioned topics are all delivered in Hatfield's distinctively wispy, little-girl voice, giving the most grim subject a light touch. Most everything is susceptible to at least two interpretations.

For example, "I See You" begins as a typical "I see you everywhere I go" song. That the singer has lost touch with reality is evident when she sings: "Who am I to close my mind to what I want to see? Who are you to tell the truth and kill my fantasy?" The clincher comes in the lines "I'm not a loser. I'm just lonely," which can be read as funny or sad, depending on how seriously you take them.

"Nirvana" finds Hatfield in rock mode, as she takes us for a chilling, but exhilarating, ride through her life. "I slam my head in car doors. I scream till I can't scream no more, bloody in need and rotten to the core." My favorite line is "Here comes the song I love so much, it makes me wanna fuck shit up." See what you think when she co-headlines with the Lemonheads at Slim's July 27.

**Her Majesty the Baby**
**Slim's, July 1**

This quartet has amassed a loyal following, ever visible in their absurd Burger King-style paper crowns, as they were at this show. Ah, but I can't grouse about the band's music. Co-writers Lee Paiva and Terri Winston have a firm grasp on pop principles, with some twists. Tight harmonies, tempo changes, and Paiva's vocal eccentricities are the band's strengths. Vocal clarity is not, as they acknowledged from the stage. (See "Hatfield, Juliana.") Never mind. It's still very entertaining.

The house was comfortably crowded, and the band played a ten-song set of old and new material. By the third song, drummer Helena Thompson had removed her shirt, just like the guys do when they get too hot, and she kept up a pounding beat to drive things along. Bassist Debbie Nishihara informed us the show actually took place the night before, but due to the mandatory 24-hour waiting period... Buh-dum-dum.

A six-song tape is now available at the shows, including a lyric booklet so you can figure out what the heck they're saying. A live mainstay, "Red," comes clear as a song about a woman who is prone to suicide attempts. On the other hand, their signature tune, "Blisters" (which I think of as the "you fool song") is no better illuminated as to content. It really must be heard to do it justice. HMtB plays a free show at the I-Beam on July 25.

**Marla BB, et al.**
**Last Day Saloon, July 5**

I'm sure Marla BB went home to New York less than thrilled with this show. I found myself in the company of maybe 15 people, half of whom were in some way connected to the lineup. These are the shows that try performers' souls. Performing in the blues tradition, Marla BB needed to dig extra deep to light up the place, but she wasn't up to the task.

Too often, the stage business came across as posturing: a little hip-shaking, some double entendres. She knows her sources—Bessie Smith and Ma Rainey, among others—but her voice, though powerful, didn't move me. Her two tapes are more successful in that vein, including one recorded live at the National Women's Music Festival in front of a larger and more enthusiastic crowd.

It was left to the Millington sisters to pick up the energy, which they did. June Millington deftly handled the crowd (what there was of it) with charm and humor, and their songs rocked the place.

**Femjam**
**Paradise Lounge, July 6**

The fetching Stone Fox played two sets sandwiched around the open mike lineup. The band gives new meaning to the word trash, but they certainly have fun onstage. Sporting fishnet stockings, fuck-me boots, and a halter top, the lead singer looked very much like a wayward Dallas Cowboys cheerleader. In fact, the whole performance had a retro feel, like a parody of '60s girl groups gone bad.

The actual Femjam spanned five acts performing in various configurations that ranged from improv jazz to power rock. I missed one act because I thought they were still warming up when they were in fact improvising. Sorry.

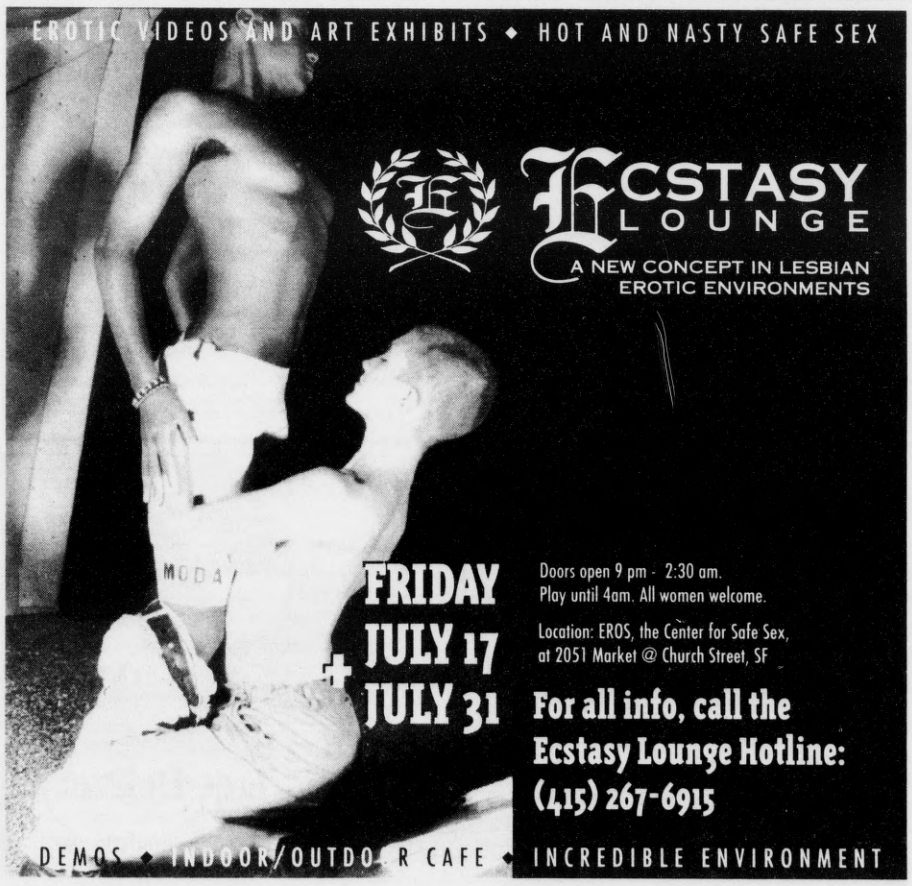
One sour note: the final jam featuring Shawna and Pat Wilder ended with Wilder booting the bassist and taking up the bass to play "Mustang Sally." Ouch. Much as the audience appreciated the more funky sound, it didn't exactly conform to the notion of allowing women to shine in a non-competitive setting, as advertised. Open mikes attract those of varying levels of expertise with their instruments, and you accept what you get or you don't show up. I'm sure being bounced wasn't exactly a confidence booster for the aforementioned bassist.

**Tribe 8**
***Pig Bitch*, Harp Records**

SF's favorite dyke punks are back with a 7-inch that gives a glimpse into their silly and serious sides. I've mentioned "Power Boy" before, and it remains a great anthemic skewering of gung-ho cops. "Neanderthal Dyke" zips along at breakneck pace, with a gleeful thumb in the eye to lesbian politics. "Neanderthal dyke, Neanderthal dyke. I never read Kate Millett, and I ride a big bike." OK...

Now to the new stuff. "Femme Bitch Top" is pretty self-explanatory. Set to a groovy beat, Lynn Breedlove sings, "You're gonna sigh when she puts her high heel on your neck." For a kick, you could play it on 45, instead of 33, and get the Chipmunks version.

"Frat Pig" opens with some ominous-sounding guitar work, which gives way to a revenge fantasy on gang rapists. "We're gonna play a game called gang castrate," crows Breedlove. Offering an analysis of the young male psyche, the song points to repressed homoerotic desires at work. "Your brothers, psychic lovers... You want to touch them. You want to hold them, but you can't..." Nasty stuff, but well-handled.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The Buchanan Grill, the brainchild of restauranteurs Peter Osborne and Bill Jamison, deserves some attention, as one of the growing number of bars and grills revitalizing the genre. Osborne and Jamison met ten years ago, working at the Rusty Scupper, and dreamed of "someday, somehow" owning their own restaurant. Along the way, Jamison learned front-of-the-house managerial skills and Osborne gained culinary talent at various Bay Area eateries (Fior d'Italia, Kuleto's and Bentley's for Osborne, M&M Tavern for Jamison). The Buchanan Grill ought to have something special: it's been ten years in the making.

Open since November 1991 on the night before the Big Game (Cal vs. Stanford), the Grill is a neighborhood tavern, a spot for locals to come and relax, to listen to live Dixieland jazz on Sunday afternoons, perhaps after a day of boating. The guys serve a sidewalk barbecue on the first Friday evening of each month, with homemade cornbread, baked beans and grilled burgers attracting area residents and tourists. There are plans for a Buchanan Grill golf tournament and trips to Giants games.

With cobalt walls, polished wood grain and brass accents, the front room is a handsome place indeed. The bar area can get noisy and crowded; fun, but not always what you want in a dining atmosphere. The back room has a more relaxed feeling about it, and even though you can still hear the up-tempo music from the front, lazy ceiling fans, yellow walls and old-fashioned cane-back chairs provide a suitable backdrop for a quiet Sunday brunch or soft evening. Foods that are familiar and done well, as they are here, make you feel warm and cozy.

A long, mirrored bar features beers on tap, with hand-crafted ales (Pete's Wicked Ale, Sierra Nevada Pale Ale) and more common varieties available by the half-pint or the pint, served in stylish monogrammed glasses. The wine list offers some real values, with the Buchanan Grill Private Label Chardonnay or Cabernet Sauvignon (by Sonoma's Rodney Strong) selling for just $12 a bottle—respectable, very drinkable wines. It's nice to find several good half-bottles available as well.

Enlightened **Dungeness Crab Cakes ($7.95)** in a zesty tomatillo beurre blanc tasted fresh, light and disappeared too quickly. These were some of the best I've sampled—with plenty of delicately seasoned crabmeat and a crisp coating. The **Smoked Chicken Quesadilla ($4.75)** was topped with fresh tomato salsa and ribbons of three pepper sauces. Not the most authentic Mexican flavor, but enjoyable just the same. Creamy and dense **Grilled Polenta ($4.95)** was artfully presented and served with a somewhat salty wild mushroom demi-glace. A terrific starter, the **Warm Spinach Salad ($5.50)** found tender spinach leaves bathed in a well-balanced vinaigrette that just wilted the greens dotted with eggs, pancetta and mushrooms.

The entree selections include standard bar and grill fare, but in many cases the kitchen takes a thoroughly modern approach. **Fresh Scallops ($13.95)**, sauteed with tomato and Pernod, were not fresh, although wisely paired with a lemony ginger rice and sauteed vegetables. A wonderful **Braised Lamb Shank ($9.95)** with white and black beans recalled *cassoulet,* a French stew, with the tender meat falling from the bone, in a tangy and rich sauce. Noticing this was a rather heavy dish, if perfectly executed, I wondered if the kitchen realized this was mid-summer, not mid-winter. An authentic **Char-Grilled New York Pepper Steak ($14.95)** was perfectly cooked, tender and mouth-melting, and napped in a smooth green peppercorn-cream sauce, with little roasted potatoes. **Fettucine ($7.95)** and red

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bell pepper were tossed in an earthy brandy-mushroom sauce, to make a satisfying plate of noodles.

Desserts are equally delightful and as simple as the other courses. A gorgeous **Housemade Apple Tart ($4.50)** with vanilla ice cream and caramel sauce deserves the raves it's been receiving—we managed to spoon up every last bite of the puff-pastry-bedecked, caramelized apple-laden treat. The **Southern Pecan Pie ($4.25)** was a skillful version, with whole pecans ensconced in a delicious filling (not sickeningly sweet like so many other pecan pies). An ordinary **Chocolate Sundae ($2.50)** thrilled my companions but disappointed me, since I found the vanilla ice cream under a layer of *milk* chocolate topping, not the dark chocolate I had envisioned. Four types of **Fresh Berries ($3.75)** made a lovely dessert when crowned with cool, sweetened whipped cream and chocolate-dipped almond biscotti. A **French Press Espresso Coffee ($3.75)** for two comes in a plunger-style pot and really hits the spot after a big meal.

The Buchanan Grill is destined to succeed. Catering to different sectors of the dining community (the yachting crowd, the sports set, the music lover, the romantic couple) and providing delicious, unpretentious food with casual and friendly service, certainly sounds like a winning formula to me.

### Around Town and Elsewhere...

On vacation in Florida, I stopped for gas at **The Wayfara**, a combination gas station/restaurant at the intersection of Highways 95 and 512 in Indian River County. I was amazed that (a) people would eat at a gas station; (b) the dining room was full—no—packed; and (c) the food was, in fact, good! Snooty as I am, I do admit to enjoying some good grits 'n eggs 'n bacon, especially when down South. This experience confirmed a general rule in dining: Where there's a crowd, there's most likely good eats. I owe the Wayfara an apology and a thank you for opening up my mind to the possibility of eating in thousands more places around the globe.

Back to The City, I checked out yet another bar and grill, **Jensen's City Grill** (1968 Lombard St.). This one makes some great simple food, and merits survival if only for providing us with the world's greatest onion rings. These babies are thick and crunchy and (what I like most) the onion doesn't slide out of the entire ring on the first bite. Heavenly—the sound of a fresh batch hitting the hot grease. This is as gourmet as anything: with some Heinz ketchup (a classic sauce), salt and lots of napkins. Terrific burgers, ribs and desserts make a meal here a really smart value.

If you've got 60 bucks and want to take a friend to lunch, head to **Vivande**, at 2125 California St., in the heart of Pacific Heights. Delicious combinations of premium ingredients become soups (spicy lentil with vegetables), pasta dishes (homemade ricotta, extra virgin olive oil and parsley over penne), and salads (artichoke stuffed with capunatina—a sort of ratatouille-come-caponata). Desserts are extraordinary as well, and there's plenty to choose from. The front of the restaurant houses imported wines, cheeses, cookbooks and assorted gourmet wares. A change in service attitude (we're the guests, not the enemy) and a lowering of prices would be appreciated.

**cabaret**

**By Gene Price**

# Now It Can Be Lip-Synched

Photo by Albert Sanchez

The lights go down. The deafening pre-show music softens. A spotlight hits the stairs. My God, it's Gloria Swanson. Wild eyes darting side to side, arms coiling like hungry pythons, teeth bared, she starts her descent. No, it's Lypsinka. No, it's John Epperson as mad Lypsinka as mad Gloria Swanson.

It's summer camp at Josie's Cabaret and camp is the key word. Yes, glamour queen Lypsinka is back. Freshly coiffed, gowned in a series of breakaway, puffy-skirted frocks that Donna Reed may have donned to serve tuna casserole to guests, Lypsinka is on. With not a moment between expressions, she's lip-synching to a dozen or more songs of the '50s, racing between three telephones, and contorting herself into a series of *Vogue* poses that would have sent supermodel Dovima (whom she models herself after) to a vertebrae specialist.

It's Christmas Eve in Vegas (an arbitrary whimsy): feet anchored apart, eyebrows arched, mouth wide, she bursts into Merman's "Lady With a Song," followed immediately with "I Got Rhythm" (a song I could die happily without hearing again). Lypsinka accompanied herself with arms that flailed east, west, north and south faster than the eye could follow.

Lypsinka does her thing to some 40 female voices, but it is not who they are or how they say it as much as what they say that she interpolates into her song and monologues. The more surrealistic the retort, the better. (We all know Crawford, Davis, Garland, Stanwyck and Hepburn. But who knows Libby Morris or Dorothy Squires or Terry O'Mason?) It was nice to hear T.C. Jones again as Tallulah (he was the reigning drag at Ann's 440 Club on Broadway) and Spivey (a New York lesbian who didn't allow stag gays at her chic penthouse bar) and Jorie Remus, who ran the Purple Onion on Columbus.

Harking back to her holiday theme, Lypsinka did a hilarious drunken parody of "The Twelve Days of Christmas," which involved receiving various bottles of hooch and cocktails in lieu of milking maids and dancing squires. By the day of the "twelve margaritas," Lypsinka was understandably incoherent and a number of her hysterical audience members had fallen off their chairs. Her "Tea for Two" ricocheted wildly from a soft shoe tempo to a frantic mambo and raised that insipid lyric to new burlesque heights.

The highlight of the evening, a reprise from last year's show, was a mini-drama involving rushing across the stage to answer three incessantly ringing phones with every bad line from every B-movie ever made. Imagine three dozen movie queens screaming lines such as, "You'll always be a tramp. Your father lived over a grocery store and your mother took in washing." And before she can finish, the next phone is ringing.

On the negative side of Lypsinka's current appearance, the show is much like the previous one. It's tour de force shtick, one frenetic number after another. I'd like to see this performer do a more structured piece, something that would use her comedic talents to build a parody with something to say; for instance, a satire of something insipid such as *It's a Wonderful Life*, interpolated with all the nasty things Bette Davis, Olivia de Haviland, Susan Hayward and Rosalind Russell said to all the men who did 'em wrong. Well, maybe next year.

Lypsinka, whose arched eyebrows never falter and whose hair never moves despite those Loretta Young twirls, will tickle your fancy every Tuesday through Sunday, through Aug. 2, at 8 pm, with 10 pm shows on July 17 and 31 at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint; call 861-7933.


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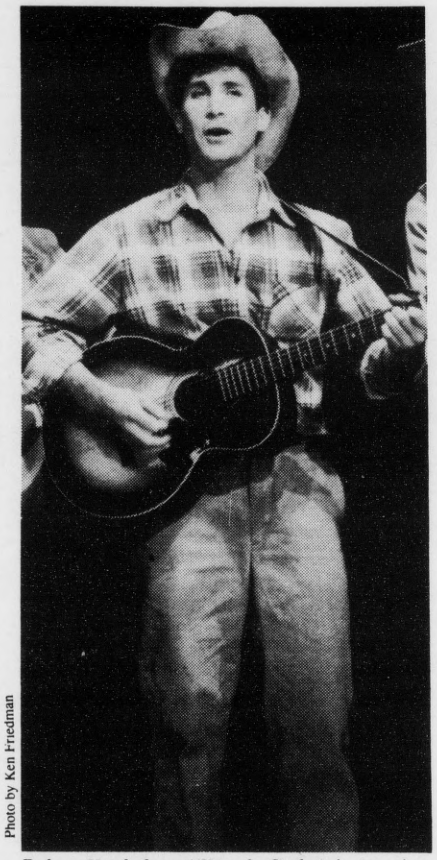
**By Gene Price**

# Woody Guthrie's American Song

Peter Glazer, conceiver, adapter and director of the joyous and stirring *Woody Guthrie's American Song*, doesn't attempt to present just another linear musical biography. What his format does—and most successfully—is celebrate the words and music of America's popular Depression-era troubadour in 21 songs that spin a tapestry of his meager existence, from dust bowl to migrant workers' camps, from the Grand Coulee Dam to New York's Bowery.

Guthrie's music and mini-monologues are delivered not in one star turn, but by three men and two women, sometimes in solo, at other times in exquisite harmonies backed by the acoustic trio of Evan Dain, Tony Marcus and Mike Wollenberg, who trade off on bass, fiddle, banjo, mandolin, guitar and harmonica.

Scrubbed, boyish, sweet-voiced Robert Keefe is the first guitar-pickin' Woody who tells of leaving a wife and three children behind to ride the rails out of the dust bowl and into the promised land of California. In the second act, Brian Gunter, whose wiry frame, angular features and country manner delineate a harder-edged, mature Woody, moved to the forefront. Roger Bearde, the third male Woody, is less effective in his dialogues, but leads the company in a fine medley



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*Robert Keefe from "Woody Guthrie's American Song," at Berkeley Rep.*

of "Better World/Lonesome Valley."

Lucinda Hitchcock Cone, an impressive belter, and Susan Emerson, an achingly lyric soprano, are also strong Woody personas as well as habitues of a Bowery saloon. Their duet on "Union Maid," and Lucinda's "The Sinking of the Reuben James," were two of the production's high points. Emerson, whose expressive eyes reveal as much as the lyrics she sings, was especially moving on "Deportee," Guthrie's "news-story" song about a planeload of illegal immigrants, nameless deportees, who died in a crash near Los Gatos.

The script is remarkably lacking in biographical detail except to remind us at the end that Woody died of Huntington's disease. But the music carries the show. Jeff Waxman's orchestrations and vocal arrangements add a surprising richness to Woody's bare-boned melodies without diffusing the stinging, bitter irony of the lyrics. Considering that the audience could hardly wait to join in a couple of sing-alongs, I'm surprised there weren't spontaneous vocal outbreaks throughout.

You may never have been a folk song groupie, but chances are you can accord each number a humming recognition. "Bound for Glory" gets the full company treatment, as does "Do Re Mi," the song that tells of the penniless dust bowl refugees who were turned back at California's border by armed deputies (a prime example of Woody's technique of social protest through revelation).

The foot-stomping "Ain't Gonna Be Treated This Way," a rousing plea for attention and justice, was another ensemble winner. "Grand Coulee Dam," "Hard, Ain't It Hard," and a delightful duet between Robert and Brian, "I Don't Feel at Home on the Bowery No More," were audience favorites. The final number and show-stopper that brought the house to its feet was "This Land Is Your Land." What else?

Philip Jung's minimal set—a bare stage with a two-step riser, a battered windmill to one side, red-planked barn siding that also served as a boxcar—was maximally effective. Derek Duarte's imaginative lighting created the claustrophobia of a midnight boxcar, the leaf-filtered moonlight of a migrant workers' camp, and the cold glare of a Bowery bar.

A co-production with San Jose Repertory, the musical plays at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre through Aug. 9 and then opens in San Jose in October. Call (510) 845-4700.

# Oklahoma

You may have seen many an *Oklahoma!* since the original made its blockbuster debut half a century ago on Broadway. But I doubt you've seen an *Oklahoma!* like this year's Mountain Play production, which closed July 5.

Opening scene: Aunt Eller's out in the yard feeding the chickens. The corn, "high as an elephant's eye," is moving in the breeze. A horse and rider charge across the front yard. And tall, handsome Curley (Peter Vilkin) enters singing, "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning."

High atop Mt. Tamalpais, this *Oklahoma!* is framed by a natural landscape of redwoods, rock outcroppings, and a clear blue sky. With more than 2,000 picnicking people at each of its six Sunday performances, little wonder it was a high

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Taken from Lynn Riggs' *Green Grow the Lilacs,* it's a down-home plot. Curley's sweet on Laurey (Marcia Pizzo) and she's sweet on him. But following a spat, she agrees to go to the box supper with Jud, the barn-burning, knife-wielding villain. Then there's Ado Annie (Jeffra Cook) who is unable to say "no" to any man, especially to Will Parker (Lawrence Pech) or traveling salesman Ali Hakim (Fred Goldman).

One forgets how the music, lyrics and libretto of *Oklahoma!,* dealing with real people, real problems and naturalistic lyrics, created a wholesome book musical that revolutionized Broadway's song/comedy/dance format.

The songs are as gorgeous as ever (there's not a pompous Hammerstein message in the plot). "The Surrey With the Fringe on Top" brings on a surrey and a beautifully matched pair of bays. "Kansas City," still a charmer, features swaggering, long-limbed comedian Pech. Plus: "I Cain't Say No," Cook's raucous apologia for an "easy" lifestyle; "People Will Say We're in Love," the show's mega-mega-hit; the lovely "Out of My Dream" (though I sorely missed the dream ballet); and Ado Annie's and Will Parker's interpretation of fidelity, "All Er Nothin'."

Charselle Hooper as Aunt Eller and the imposing Timothy Riggs as Jud were superb additions to the cast of 36.

Despite an obvious touch of vocal trouble in Ms. Pizzo's upper range, and Jeffrey Cook's rambunctious mugging, this was probably the best, most fully realized *Oklahoma!* I ever expect to see. How can you beat a farmhouse, a real barn, a four-horse stagecoach full of giggling farm girls, cowboys who can turn a horse on a silver dollar, and a singing leading man who could pass for a cowpoke from Abilene?

James Dunn directed; Paul Smith conducted. Patricia Polen whipped up those go-to-meeting gingham dresses, and Ken Rowland designed the farm with windmill and cackling hens.

Choreographer Lawrence Pech, who both dances and sings as the lovesick comedian Will Parker, is a San Franciscan and current composition student at the Conservatory of Music. He collapsed two years ago from a cancerous tumor on his spine and was told he would never dance again. After eight months of radical chemotherapy, Pech is fully recovered and will be seen this fall as the trick roper in the S.F. Ballet's *Rodeo.* His curly black hair, his mile-wide smile, and his ingratiating personality have already earned him a choice role in next year's mountain play. For my money, I wouldn't mind seeing *Oklahoma!* again.

**clubs**

**by Greta Christina**

# Ecstasy: Women's Sex Club Is Open

There's a new game in town, or rather a new twist on an old game. On Friday, June 5, the Ecstasy Lounge opened its doors to any woman bold enough, curious enough, and/or horny enough to cough up a few bucks and walk in the door. Ecstasy is a women-only safe sex club that's open to *all* women—no private guest lists or secret addresses. Since its opening, it's had two parties (the Thursday and Friday before Gay Day), and judging from the attendance—almost 1,000 women over the course of the three nights—it looks like it's going to take off.

The Ecstasy parties take place at Eros, Buzz Bence and Bob West's new safe sex play space at Market and Church. Kitaka Gara and Judith Cohen, owners and operators of Ecstasy Productions, say Ecstasy is unique in the history of women's sex clubs in that it's "aboveground." "Buzz and Bob really jumped through hoops," Judith noted, to clear the operation with the Health, Fire and Police Departments. As a result, Bay Area dykes now have a sex space that's safe, legal, well-publicized, reasonably accessible, and in very little danger of being shut down by authorities.

So far, the women who frequent the Ecstasy Lounge have been extremely pleased that Ecstasy is here. Even among the women who just watch

*Judith Cohen and Kitaka Gara*

and flirt and don't have any actual sex, there's a sense of delight and gratitude that the space is here and that women are using it. The crowd is reasonably diverse—there's a hefty proportion of trendy young club dykes, but plenty of other types of women as well. There's a good racial mix, a decent size mix, an okay age mix. There's quite a bit of voyeurism, and like most women's sex parties it takes time to get the ball rolling, but when it rolls, it really rolls. A lot of sex happens at Ecstasy—one volunteer staff member estimated that 75 percent of all the women who come to Ecstasy wind up having sex.

Yes, Virginia, it is safe sex. Kitaka and Judith take lesbian safe sex very seriously. They consider safe sex education for women to be a central function of the Ecstasy parties, and point out that, while most safe sex education in the queer community focuses on HIV, there are other sexually transmitted diseases that dykes need to pay attention to. Safe sex rules at Ecstasy are politely but strictly enforced. The parties have two to four "hostesses," plus one or two "dungeonmistresses" in the S/M space, monitoring for unsafe action as well as general security. Women playing without latex get it cheerfully thrown at them and are given one warning: if they continue to play unsafely, they are escorted out of the club. But the positive reinforcement is probably more effective than the safety monitoring. In fact, the sex itself, and all the different hot, sexy women and the different raunchy safe sex things they do, are among the best safe sex propaganda anyone has ever offered the lesbian community.

One of the more commonly voiced complaints about Eros is that the space is too clinical and sterile. It's my main complaint, too. The downstairs cafe is quite pleasant, the staircases are wonderfully dramatic, and the upstairs corridors are most inviting. But the play space itself is a disappointment. When I'm done flirting and cruising and start getting down to business, I want more than just bare walls, stretches of mirror tile, benches and massage tables and vinyl floor cushions, all divided up by canvas curtains into little semi-private roomlets. In my opinion, some red velvet wallpaper, gilt-edged mirrors and cheap crystal chandeliers would improve the atmosphere 100 percent. The space does have potential, though: it's clean, spacious, airy, well-ventilated and comfortable.

Unfortunately, many of the problems with Ecstasy stem from the Eros space itself, and thus can't be addressed by the women who rent it out once or twice a month. While the Ecstasy women could probably fix up the decor on a temporary basis, some of the more serious problems—such as wheelchair inaccessibility and the bathroom shortage—are out of their hands.

Obviously it isn't perfect. But Judith and Kitaka are very quick to respond to critiques and suggestions. Many complaints about Ecstasy's first night—lousy music, not enough safe sex supplies, disruptive behavior in the dungeon space—were handled by the second event. They actively seek out customer feedback, and have surveys available at all their events to solicit ideas and advice. Kaitlyn Roe, who has acted as an official Dungeonmistress for the last two events, says that the owners "are willing to admit that they don't know everything" about S/M, and have generally followed the lead of the S/M dyke community in organizing the S/M space. Many women who attend Ecstasy have little or no experience with S/M—Kaitlyn estimates that 90 percent of all women who watch the S/M scenes have never seen one before—so the S/M dyke community and the owners of Ecstasy have worked to create a space that's physically and emotionally safe for both players and observers.

According to Judith and Kitaka, the owners of Eros are already planning improvements to the space, including showers, hot tubs and a sauna. When asked about their own vision for the future of Ecstasy, they both said that their main goal was to keep the place open, with parties happening at least once or twice a month. "We want it to last," said Kitaka.

The cost for the Ecstasy Lounge parties is generally $8, plus a six-month membership fee of $3, if you haven't been there before. Ecstasy is located at 2051 Market Street near Church. The next Ecstasy parties will be on Friday, July 17 and Friday, July 31. For more information, call the Ecstasy Lounge Hotline at (415) 267-6915.


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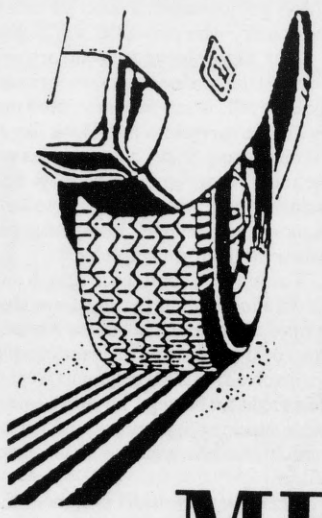

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# Sexual Tension and Political Agendas

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*Careful handling and manipulation, whatever the setting, make up much of diplomacy.*

Conspiring with the cultural elite for the past few years, I have seen power, manipulation and control twirl about the San Francisco Who's Who in convoluted whirlpools, more complex and inbred than an entire season of *Dynasty*.

The politics of the queer communities are not limited to issue-driven agendas. Ego, sexual tension and money perform key roles in propelling players along their paths.

Perceived power comes in many forms. People refer to "bartender mystique," regarding those who clubland insiders view as pretty, friendly barmaids who we tip to open beers.

Put on a wig and a dress and—ta-da—instant validation as a spokesmodel. Some queens get in face as an officer would get in uniform—as a visible statement of authority.

Turning from local to state and national politics, the scale increases dramatically, as do the twisted egos and forms of contortion. The methods and motivations of those in control, though obscured from the masses, are, however, actually simpler than presented. The backstage drama at a National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Creating Change conference resembles an agendists' Cafe Flore, only each sentence spoken is packed with multilayered diplomacy, necessitating careful interpretation.

Close to home, however, we often have little access to those who would represent us, as I learned firsthand at the NGLTF's Creating Changes West conference, where I approached Supervisor Carole Migden last year. After she had spoken in a session, I came to her and introduced myself, briefly giving her the *Reader's Digest* version of my background so she would take time to speak with me regarding a Lavender Tortoise project. It was obvious that she had never heard of me. I explained that I had been one of the founders of Boy with Arms Akimbo, had organized the first Lavender Tortoise trip to Los Angeles, had pioneered the mall zap, and would like to get her assistance on our planned transcontinental tour. She paused for a moment, and then said that whether or not I had done those things she would enjoy spending some time talking with me back in San Francisco. She handed me her card and whisked away. So much for accessibility, but it was a frank and fascinating introduction to the world of power.

The recent National Gay and Lesbian Journalists' Association conference during Pride weekend served as a textbook example of the type of warped maneuvering that queers excel at. At the NGLJA conference it was all about *New Republic* editor Andrew Sullivan, "non-fiction" author Randy Shilts and *Advocate* columnist Michelangelo Signorile.

These three men spent their time locking horns and posturing before the assembled journalistic elite, coming away with mixed results. All eyes were focused on this trio to see who would emerge victorious.

Signorile has a rocky history with these men, having attacked both in *Advocate* or *Outweek* columns.

Sullivan is an abortion foe who opposes domestic partnership and plays the role of what most would call the privileged assimilationist. An Oxford and American Ivy League graduate, he has spent time vacationing on Fire Island with recently "outed" Pentagon spokesperson Pete Williams, on what could be labeled a "double date."

(And people question why Signorile screams about the tendency of the privileged to conspire to cloak each other?)

Shilts has also, much to his resentment, been labeled an assimilationist. A better description would be "limited" or "old-school"—"assimilationist" is too clean a word. Randy is the Gay Voice to America, his writing appearing in papers around the country, his books weighing down bookstore shelves, and his stories vying for Hollywood's stamp of production approval. But though he positions himself as an expert on the lesbian/gay community, he does not understand Queers. Rather, he overtly fears and fights them. When there is a quote needed by the media to counter any point Signorile has put forward, it is always provided by either Randy Shilts or Human Rights Campaign Fund's Gregory King.

Signorile is just plain naughty, a proactive hooligan for the revolution. His speech for the conference was titled "Pushing Buttons: The Madonna Method." It was a planned response to the question of outing, which he anticipated to be the focus of concern from the collected journalists.

*His hit piece attacking Signorile resembled more a Rorschach test interpretation than objective journalism.*

Shilts' speech for the conference was titled, "The New Lavender Fascists in the Media." It should have read, "I Hate Mike."

Andrew Sullivan served as one of the two keynote speakers for the gathering, along with the articulate and hip lesbian editor of *Essence* magazine, Linda Villarosa. His speech was calculatedly moderate. It touched on issues of moderation in the media without forcing any issues. In a word, it was fluffy.

Shilts' speech was anything but fluffy. Using a weak and contrived transition from the first half of his speech, which dealt with his upcoming book about gays in the military, he launched into an attack on what he labeled the "new lavender fascists in the media."

In his speech he referred to the pierced, tattooed crowd as one which represses divergent thought and opinion. Many people in the mainstream gay community do not understand or embrace modern primitive cultural influences, and thus he wisely played to their fears. As a good speech writer, Shilts included applause and laughter buttons, lines to deliver which would elicit positive reactions. They fell flat. Where laughter was supposed to happen, only Randy laughed.

Then came Signorile's speech on Saturday, which I chose to skip. Michelangelo is a close friend, and if I want to hear him go off I can call him at home and listen to him rant. Generally, I choose not to.

Sarah Petit, comely, cynical and humorous editrix of the newly launched national queer publication, *Out*, made some reference to the three men's obsessions as being a "dick-fest," and said too much time was being absorbed by this trio's posturing. Go Sarah.

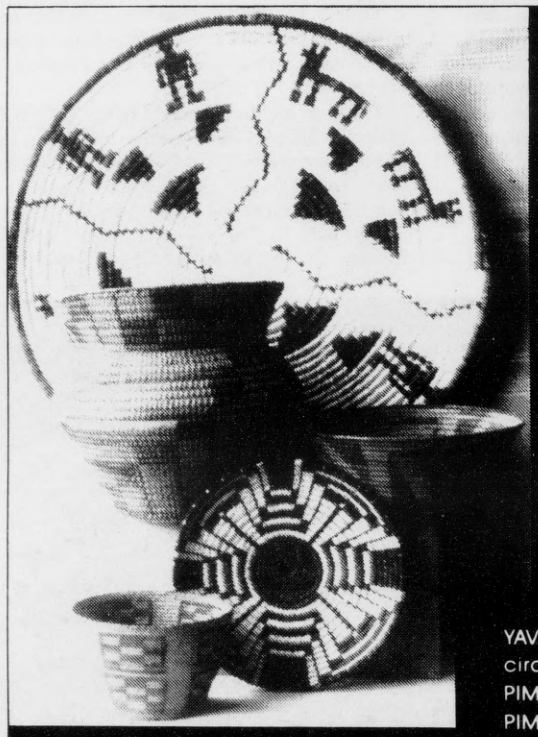
Those in the media love talking about themselves, or what they view as themselves. From the parading name tags, however, it was quickly evident that the queer media was not invited, arguably helping the cultural elite drift into elitism.

The conference-goers patted each other's backs for being the first openly gay journalists, without recognizing that, *hello*, there are hundreds of openly gay journalists at queer publications across the country who paved the way for them.

Shilts, Signorile and Sullivan each won on some level. At the conference it was obvious that Shilts took the fall, which may have been orchestrated by Sullivan to make himself look like a moderate in comparison. Shilts, however, was portrayed as the moral victor in the *New York Times* article written "objectively" by a straight friend. Signorile held his own, losing no ground, which was notably infirm beforehand.

Watching the conference spin in our own gay media afterward, its portrayal was absurd, uninformed and obtuse, and unless you are an insider you could never understand the complex dynamics involved. One SF columnist went so far as to take credit for having "invented" outing. His hit piece attacking Signorile resembled more a Rorschach test interpretation than objective journalism.

Other outsider/insider presences and postures in the power orgy were undeniable, especially those of the *Advocate* clan, who were naughtiest and haughtiest by far with their large, clean white teeth and their fresh T-shirts. In response to Shilts' attack on their writer Signorile, *Advocate* Editor in Chief Richard Rouilard had printed shirts which read "Lavender Fascist" on the front and featured their logo on the back.

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This gang was trying to hop onto Mike's express toboggan, but it takes more than sportswear to affirm fabulism. For them to feel they are a part of the team behind Signorile's visionary leadership is like believing a cat will come when you call it. They happen to have presently captured the animal, but it will never be domesticated. While they feed it, they are safe.

Rouilard is a fascinating study in posturing. Not knowing my position in the San Francisco food chain, when I run into him I am "...and friend," usually meeting him when I am with Signorile. *Unless* I am in drag. Then I am an interesting party clown to introduce as a sparkling tidbit he can feature. Unfortunately, he does not feed me.

Because they are the big gay national magazine, the attitude of most of the staff wandering the halls was distanced and jaded.

On the other hand, Robert Bray, Washington, D.C., director of the NGLTF, lent a warm and inclusive tone to the conference. Though in a position of authority, he tends to try to keep his fingers in all levels of activism. His accessibility and assistance to grassroots activists is commendable.

Sitting at the Flore, I dished voluminously with my friends about the conference, regurgitating the tasty bits, processing the juicy pieces, explaining their importance in the national and local scheme.

Looking up across the cement as we laughed in the sun sat Andrew Sullivan, a few tables away, watching our gang with interest as we unwittingly dished his world.

In this case it seemed our world was for him the elite, and here he became the outsider, looking in. I pondered for a moment why that made me feel satisfied.

Then I got over it.

### CLUBLAND AND GIRLSEX

Klubstitute Trash alert. Klubstitute returns for one night only of SondheimMania, at Life on the Water, Monday, July 20 from 7pm to Midnight. The evening's performances are a benefit for Playstitute, with a $6-10 sliding scale. Assume that Diet's usual booking finesse guarantees that everyone worth seeing will be on that stage at some time. Life on the Water is located in Building B of Fort Mason.

Providing entertainment true and warm as a Manhattan in a piano bar, Michael Blue, Lewis and Nikki Rivera present "Viva Las Vegas" on Thursday, July 16 at Fusion, 11th and Folsom—a talent-ridden show commencing at Midnight at the Oasis.

Talent will sparkle from Michael Blue's Egyptian Room stage, stirring a celebutante stew of San Francisco glitterati. Justin Bond and Billy de Herrera will croon live on stage, warming the crowd with their unaffected, sincere ballads of love and loss. Elvis Herselvis, Madeline, Liza and Sammy will also perform, sweatin' to the oldies, emulating the icons of Glitter City.

On Thursday, July 23, at Fusion, will be Ggreg Taylor's Opulent SuperStar Search, which takes the best piece of the Miss Uranus pageant, the talent portion, and makes it a monthly event. The affair should be a mercifully abbreviated, yet equally twisted production.

The battle for domination over Saturday has taken another twist, with Colossus' DJ Hosh Gurelli abandoning the club to work on other projects.

Hosh has taken on Fridays at Evolution, where Friday, July 17, Deee-Lite will appear at what *could* be a fun party. Concern should only be regarding the nightmare pop-music-swilling crowd that they might attract. Nasty mob or not, Deee-Lite is worth seeing, and with the twisted show they have planned, integrating local gender personalities, it's guaranteed to be more than run-of-the-mill. Evolution appears at 177 Townsend at 3rd.

At the same space on Saturdays, Carefree has been cracking on with huge numbers sweating in the cavernous space. The club's growth has been phenomenal, surpassing in numbers and diversity any club I have seen in my five years in SF.

Carefree is an amusing phenomenon, having appeared to be almost closeted upon initial introduction. The fact that it was queer, when examining their flyers and posters, seemed to be played down so as not to push away the loyal Toon Town following. But as it has become sure in success, the club has merrily tilted off-balance till the wee, wee hours, and looks to be in control of out-of-control.

Nancy Kravitz and the Female Trouble folk are at it again, Friday, July 24 at Brave New World. Trouble Town DJ Evol E will spin, and Spokepoker will rock at 1751 Fulton from 9 pm-2 am.

# Resource...

285-8535.

**Lesbians w/mild MS:** Support/social group. Discuss & share info about living with mild MS. Info/location: 626-2216.

**UC Berkeley Gay & Lesbian Alumni** Assoc: see Social Groups

**Support Group for Women** who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

**Women's Coming Out Group:** open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

**Women's Career Support Group**: Share practical solutions to career & money issues in a supportive environment. Meets every other Tues, 7-9 pm. Mid-Peninsula location. Info: 508-1290.

**Slightly Older Lesbian** Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

**Leaderless Support Group** for women who are thirtyish: Monday nights in SF. Call Linda 863-4605 (eves) for details.

**MidLife Lesbian Support Group** meets Mon 6-8 pm in SF. Low-cost, SL fee. Spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Info: 431-6405.

**Support Group for Battered Lesbians**, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

**Lesbian MidLife Support Group** meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 922-7690.

**Working Class Lesbian** Support Group: Group uses writing as a medium for sharing. No writing experience necessary. Meets wkly. Free. Info/location: (510) 534-9928.

**Gay Men's Support Group**: Tues eves in SF. Self-led group deals with a wide range of personal issues. Men willing to make an extended commitment & open to sharing in a structured setting are welcome. Info: Greg 626-1197.

**Men's Support Group** for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.

**Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual** Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.

**Reluctant Partners Group**: Is your partner pregnant, planning to get pregnant, or already has children? Is is not your chosen lifestyle? Discuss issues, get mutual support. Call Marjorie 587-7210.

**Lesbian Couples Group**: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.

## ► THERAPY GROUPS

**Women's Institute for Mental Health:** low-fee individual, couples & group therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St. SF. Ste 222.

**Disabled Lesbian Group** for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

**Gay Men's Disabled Group:** are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

**Grief Group** for those who have lost a loved one thru suicide. Deal with feelings of anger, confusion, guilt. Find strength, support. Meets wkly for 8 wks, lic therapist facilitates. Spons by SF Suicide Prevention. Info: 752-4866.

**McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute** at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

**Berkeley Free Clinic** peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.

**Men—Have You Abused Your Lover?** Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

**Lesbian Counseling Group** offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.

**12-Wk Process Groups** for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.

**For Additional Listings** in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section. "Open Exchange"

## ► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

**Transvestites & Transsexuals** rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

**TV/TS & Friends** Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

**Female-to-Male** Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618

**Flikker Network**: Int'l network by, for & about female-to-gay male and female-to-bisexual male transsexuals. For more info write to Flikker Network, c/o R.K, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990.

**SF Gender Information:** provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.

**Can We Talk?** Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.

**Female to Male** Pre-op Transsexual Survival/Support Group for FTMs of color only: Biweekly mtgs. Friendly, warm & open to gay, bi & straight pre-op FTMs of color. Contact RK, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990, attn FPSG.

**TS-ART:** Transsexual artists/writers network. Open to transsexuals who are serious, reliable & interested in feedback & networking. Contact RK, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990, attn T-ART.

**Living Full Time:** Support Group for anyone living full time in the gender opposite that of birth. To attend, you must be living full-time. Group meets 3 Fri a month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.

## ► YOUTH

**LYRIC** (Lavender Youth Recreation Ctr): for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth. Dances, outings, newsletter, etc. Meetings held 2nd Sun of the month at 1853 Market St nr Guerrero, SF. Come meet other youth, have fun! Info: Beth 252-6059.

**Under 21**: Peer-led support group for gay, bisexual & questioning young men. For mtg times, location & other info call Mark or Alphonso at LYRIC 252-6059.

**QYA** (Queer Youth Alliance): Gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender youth center. 24-hr hotline. Daily events, HIV-positive groups. For queer youth 25 yrs of age or younger. Call 750-3225.

**BAY** (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

**California Runaway Hotline** provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

**Rainbow's End:** Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-21. Thurs eves, drop-in 5:30 pm, group 6-7:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.

**Sexual Identity Forum** for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.

**BASMYN** (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.

**Support Group for Young Women** of Color: lesbians, bisexual & questioning, ages 23 & under. Meets Fri, 7-9 pm at 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF. Spons by the LYFE Program of Lyon-Martin Wmen's Health Services and LYRIC. Info: LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 252-6059.

**Ongoing theater writing class** for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people of color, under 21. Wed 4-6:30 pm. Taught by Chicana lesbian writer/playwright Cherrie Moraga, writer-in-residence with Brava! For Women in the Arts. 2180 Bryant St, SF. Info/reg: Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment (LYFE) Program: 565-7681.

**GALTIP** (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program). For teens in the San Mateo area who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or questioning and are interested in individual, family or group therapy. Positive, supportive place to explore your individual or family concerns. Spons by YMCA Family Outreach. Info: Josefa 342-5216.

# open exchange

## ■ HELP WANTED

Gay-owned and operated lockshop in Oakland looking for locksmith. Nonsmoker, 25-35, good physical condition. Must have clean driving record for 3 years. Locksmith skill level may be variable, but must have excellent people skills, retail or service experience required. Glenview Key & Lock, 4195 Park Blvd, Oakland (510) 530-6141.

**The San Francisco Sheet Metal Local Union 104 Joint Apprenticeship Committee** is accepting applications for the Apprenticeship Training Program on a continuing year-round basis. Applications may be completed on the first Tuesday of each month (excluding holidays) from 8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. at the S.F. Sheet Metal Workers Local Union 104 Training Center, 1939 Market St., SF CA.

Applicants must be at least 17 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent. Proof must be presented at the time of application.

All applicants shall be required at time of dispatch to have a valid California Driver's License with no major citations.

Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Sheet Metal Workers Union 104 Training Fund
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**Help Wanted** for international nonprofit organization promoting queer rights. Three positions open: fundraiser/grantwriter, volunteer bookkeeper/accountant and a pro-bono attorney. Please send letter of interest and resume to organizing committee, 1046 Florida St, San Francisco, CA 94110.

**Office Support Assistant:** Part-time position at nonprofit community center in the Tenderloin. Exp. in database management. Good knowledge of WordPerfect. Experience in setting up and maintaining filing systems. Type 60 wpm, ability to handle busy desk and prioritize workload. Excellent communication skills. Sensitive to sexual/ethnic minorities. Women and minorities encouraged to apply. EOE. 20/hrs/wk plus benefits, $9/hr. Send resumes plus cover letter: Personnel Manager, Central City Hospitality House, 146 Leavenworth Street, SF CA 94102.

**Outreach Worker**: Juvenile Prostitution Project for Tenderloin Homeless Youth Program. Contact street youth, distribute materials, assess individual needs, serve as liaison, document activities. One year experience working with street youths, experience with outreach, 21 years or older, prior personal street experience pref., knowledge of HIV/AIDS, Spanish speaking desirable. P/T 25 hrs/wk, $20,000 FTE + benefits. Send resumes to: Robert Sardy, Health Educator, Central City Hospitality House, 146 Leavenworth Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.

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**Part-time clerical/errands**. Approximately 5 hours/week doing office work/running errands. Must **have car**, live in SF, be nonsmoker. 821-1015.

**Young (20-35) male actors** wanted for French/American gay play. Productions in Paris, NY, and SF. Call (415) 885-1045.

**HIV Program Director**: Progressive gay/lesbian church seeks half-time HIV Program Director. Under supervision of pastor, develop outreach and spiritual care for HIV population (mostly gay men); coordinate and facilitate HIV support groups; assist in counseling; help plan programs, events; participate in fundraising. Requirements: people skills, HIV experience, especially group facilitation, counseling; spiritual perspective; prefer Master's degree or equivalent. Compensation: 20 hours/week $32,000 FTE, health benefits. Starts October 1, 1992. Send resume, references, cover letter to Search Committee, MCC/SF, 150 Eureka Street, San Francisco, CA 94114. Deadline August 15, 1992. No phone inquiries.

**Wanted:** Female representative going to Michigan Women's Festival to do outreach and networking for lesbian/gay travel program. $100 + commission. Call Western Exposure: (510) 869-4395.

**Customer Service Rep**: Woman-owned and run phone sex company seeks detail-oriented flexible CSR for fast-paced, fun office. FT/PT, flexible hrs available. Call (415) 665-3466 btwn 12-2 pm only.

**Staff Needed:** Part or full-time. Positions for ladies relating to fetishes/fantasies, B/D, S/M. Call (510) 888-1964. Close to BART stations. No sex involved.

## ■ EMPLOYMENT SOUGHT

**Media Professional** seeks job in Bay Area. Eight years experience in broadcasting. Two years nonprofit public relations work. Call (415) 431-6899.

## ■ VOLUNTEERS

**Facilitator Training** for Women's Cancer Resource Center. Support group facilitators who have or have had cancer. Women of color especially needed. More info, call 548-WCRC.

**Volunteers Needed**: Support for women with cancer at Highland Hospital. Multilingual, women of color especially needed. More info, call 548-WCRC.

## ■ PARENTING

**Co-Parenting/Recruiting**: Seeking individuals and couples who are interested in forming/creating a household for the purpose of co-parenting one foster child (baby). Must be willing to cohabitate with 3 to 5 other adults and share childcare and household responsibilities (large flat or house most likely in the Richmond District or Mission District). One year commitment required. Love of self and love of children required. Sense of humor required. Mental health, emotional health and reasonable physical health required. If you are interested in being one of several "Moms" or "Dads" in such a household please call between 10 am-5 pm only, Monday through Friday and leave a message including your phone number(s) and the best time(s) to call you back. 386-4152.

**Interested in being a daddy?** 38-year-old Black lesbian professional seeks gay or bisexual men of all colors interested in co-parenting. Reply BT Box JY901A

**Known donor seeks mom(s).** Steve (415) 863-3353.

## ■ MARRIAGE

**Gay male couple** with different citizenships, French & US, seek lesbian couple of mixed citizenship for marriage of mutual convenience. Reply BT JY900B

**I need to marry you now!** Good-looking German gay guy wants to marry lesbian. No strings attached. I speak fluent English and live on a very nice floating home in Sausalito. Floating deck, jet-ski and rowing boat. You have one level of privacy (bedroom + bathroom) for $250/month. Reply BT JY901B

## ■ FOR SALE

**Children's Books** about gay and lesbian families and dealing with AIDS. $2.00 to Purple Crayon, 4110 Opal St, Oakland, 94609.

**Queer $$$** Rubber stamps for your money and checks. Make a statement! Also available: Lesbian $$$, Gay $$$. Send $5 each, $1 postage to High Visibility USA, 3871 Piedmont Ave, Suite 338-G, Oakland, CA 94611.

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## ■ PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

**Mediation** for lesbian and gay relationships, landlord/tenant disputes, businesses and organizations, and commercial/consumer contracts. Adena Gilbert (510) 287-9500.

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**Russian River Retreat**. 2 bedrooms, hot tub, pool, decks, views, secluded. Sleeps 6, all amenities. $290/weekend and weekly rates. 751-1334.

**Sappho's**, hostel. For womyn, near Fulton and Fillmore. Call 775-3243. $15 per night.

**Holly's Place** Tahoe. Wonderful women's retreat. Meet new friends. Hiking, sunbathing, bicycling, great barbeques, volleyball, hot tub, lake & all recreation close by. Private rooms $50-$60. Cabins $85-$125. Group discounts. 1-800-745-7041. Outside smoking only.

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**UN-TU-WU Guest Cottage**. Charming one-bedroom, on one acre at Russian River. Sleeps 4. Fully equipped. Reasonable. (415) 738-1926.

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## ■ HOUSING SOUGHT

Lesbian & daughter, 5 (home part-time) looking for lesbian household to move into or another lesbian to apt/house-hunt with & move together. East Bay. No drugs, alcohol, cigarettes. (510) 596-3409 work or message.

Danish woman—38, quiet; looking for cottage or quiet share. Max $550. (510) 444-8901.

**Lesbian seeks** room in alcohol/drug/smoke-free lesbian household in La Morinda, Berkeley/El Cerrito hills, Montclair, or other lesbians to look with. $400. (510) 654-9285.

## ■ SUBLET

Bernal Heights. Furnished house. No smokers. No perfumes. Aug thru Nov. $575. 648-9481.

Need subletter for my 21st/Valencia apt 8/5-11/5/92. Prefer lesbian. Rent is $725/mo, $625 if you catsit. Sandy 648-5986..

## ■ APT FOR RENT

**Near the ocean** in Pacifica. Two bedroom, 1 bath duplex 1½ blk from beach & near transportation. Small pets okay. $850. 355-5251 leave message. Available now.

$550 mo. Rustic **Garden Cottage** for one. Resp. empl. Util, cable incl. Deck, 2 rms + nu bath. Cute & quiet. Vis. Valley. First, $550 sec, + $150 cleaning. $1250 to move in. Maggie 468-1042.

Large, 1 bedroom apt available. Located at Geneva & Naples in SF. $650 per month. Call 368-1512.

**Large Rockridge Duplex**. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, beautiful wood work, fireplace, walk to College Avenue, alarm, washer, dryer. No pets, no smokers, no yard, private deck. $1300 month includes utilities (510) 654-9528 Margaret.

Large 2 bedroom Victorian flat near USF. Sunroom, deck, and many amenities. No pets. Available 8/1. $1200. 563-9074.

A flat in my building is open. Would love queer neighbors. Rent about $750, 2 bedroom. 661-3878.

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## ■ APT TO SHARE

**Lezzies & Dykes, oh my**. One charming lesbian seeks one more charming lesbian to share a flat with an ocean view. Rent $350 plus utilities & $350 deposit. Garden, garage, cats & hardwood floors. No dogs/no drugs. Call 661-3878.

Inner Sunset. Charming 2 bedroom, including large living room, deck, parking and no pets. Am busy graduate professional, nonsmoker, looking to share with another female, prefer lesbian. $425. (415) 564-8772.

Alameda. 2 BR 1 BA apartment. $337.50 plus utilities. Lesbian of color. Maria 814-9968.

Lesbian and two lovable cats seek friendly lesbian for sunny two bedroom apt on Dolores. Gas fireplace, W/D and private phone. No drugs, smokers, pets. $450. (415) 641-5324.

## ■ HOUSE TO SHARE

**Noe Valley** Health professional seeks responsible woman to share beautiful, renovated, 2 bedroom flat. Easy parking, close to Muni, yard. $475 + ½ utilities. No smoking, substance abuse or pets. 648-3883. Available 9/1/92.

**Livermore**: GWM seeking nonsmoking person to share executive home, private bath and laundry.$400/mo plus ½ utilities. Call (510) 455-4007.

Communal home in Noe Valley. (415) 647-1479.

36 y.o. GWF and 14 y.o. dog seek nonsmoking woman to share large house in convenient Sunset location. **Dog OK** (no cats). $511 + utilities. 664-2540.

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**Castro**: Lesbian wanted to share large Victorian with 3 others. W/D, yard, no pets. $505 month incl utilties. 864-4811.

**Russian River Getaway**. Enjoy the River year round. House to share in Monte Rio hills with gay professional male. Large bedroom with deck access. Beautiful views. $400 month includes utlities. Robert (707) 865-2152.

Looking for lesbian to either house/cat sit during my frequent travels (no pay but nice deck + view house in El Cerrito Hills (or rent small room at reduced rate ($125). (510) 237-2052.

Lesbian, large house, 2 private rooms. $480. Sandy 585-6542.

**Lesbian seeks** other lesbians to look for house to share. No drugs/alcohol. See "Housing Sought." (510) 654-9285.

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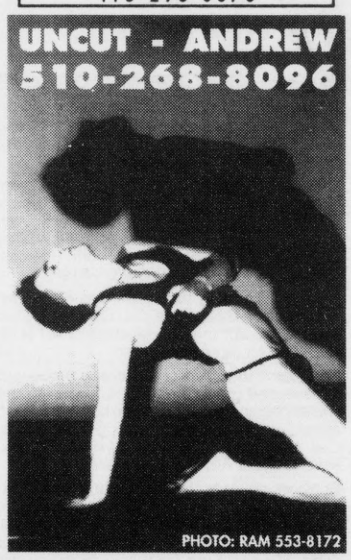


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I'm a butchly romantic, revolutionary-type dyke who dreams deeply; passionately believes in wiping out racism, capitalism et al. from existence; loves driving along the coast in a beat-up pick-up listening to loud, poetic, emotion-filled music; is drawn to the S/M side of sex at this time; can't follow scripts for anything; needs lots of laughter & playing; believes that smashing windows is better than accepting injustice; wants a girlfriend to bring wildflowers to; wants a girlfriend who agrees the upper class should not exist and respects the working class; wants a girlfriend to do the stars with... Reply BT Box JY17B or call ★★8872.

**Let Me Get To Know You!**

I'm 36, cute, fun, creative, love art and music, have a great sense of humor, and am passionate with the right woman! You are between 25 and 40, intelligent, self-confident and nonsmoking. I like women who are able to have fun, as well as be intimate. Honesty and emotional maturity are important. Reply BT Box JY18B or call ★★8873.

**I Like S/M**

But I'm not a tough butch or a slutty bitch. Just a regular gal interested in meeting another lesbian relatively inexperienced with S/M (hopefully a switch). I believe that S/M can be fun, passionate and enjoyed by candlelight. I'm 26, pretty, big, long-haired, intelligent, witty and sincere. If you've been wanting to experience S/M but are intimated by other ads and heavy leather types, respond today! All replies answered. Reply BT Box JY19B or call ★★8874.

**Yes To Truth,**

Personal responsibility and integrity. Be conscious, spiritual, introspective, verbal, emotive, sexual and willing to move beyond fear. Nonsmoker, 30, lover of life and meaningful conversation awaits those attracted to clarity, conviction and provocative sex every other night with one who pays attention. Choose that you want to experience orgasms which relax the body freeing the mind of limitation and I will be there to celebrate our release. Reply BT Box JY20B or call ★★8875.

**Don't Fuck With Me**

Unless you intend to engage my mind *and* mouth. Spiritual 30 y.o. nonsmoker awaits one with introspection and integrity. She pays attention with endless caresses, knows the importance of keeping agreements, embraces the freedom that comes with receiving and remembers to laugh when life offers lessons. Not afraid to admit you'd prefer to have sex every other day? Choose to experience kisses as constant as truth! Reply BT Box JY21B or call ★★8876.

**The Time Is Right**

Deep sensitivity is rare and easily overlooked. I value friends and search for the same. You must be a professional with feminine qualities. Physically/emotionally/financially stable and can be spontaneous with your feelings. I enjoy mountain bike riding Mt. Tam, wine & food, sunny days at the beach, and cozy fires with good conversation. Honesty, sincerity and dependability a must! Have experienced all the games in life and ready to move on. Are you? Reply BT Box JY22B or call ★★8877.

**Breaking Up Sucks!**

Have you just broken up with a lover, in the process of breaking up, or just going through a tough re-evaluation period? Do you feel you've painted yourself into a corner and have no individual friends? Do you want to meet new people and speed your healing? Me too! I'm a 25 y.o. heavy woman with lots of varied interests. I'm in-

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**Two Dates For k.d. lang**
Bi woman and gay man. The show's on us if dinner's on you. She's 5', 100#, 35 yrs., brown hair, eyes, performer, swimmer; likes "tall, dark, handsome," artsy women and men. He's 6'2", 185#, 39 yrs., brown hair, blue eyes, moustache; likes medium height, dark-haired, stocky, straight-acting men. Woo & win today. Call ★★8879.

**S.F. Lesbians Only**
Looking for love, companionship and potentially long-term, monogamous relationship? I'm 38, well-educated, an entrepreneur, stable emotionally and financially. My style is andro-femme, no make-up, no skirts. Hobbies are ballet and dance aerobics. I love pets but have no energy for children. My interests range from science to the arts. Enjoy dining out, movies, theater, live performances, comedy. I'd like to meet an independent thinker, good conversationalist, 25-45, who's physically fit, honest and kind. No drugs. Lite alcohol OK. Reply BT Box JY24B or call ★★8880.

**Playmate Wanted**
Sassy, playful, pretty, green-eyed, redhead, 31, SWF, with whchr disability, seeks liberal, down-to-earth "butch" lover, 28-45. I am an active woman who is bright, open, honest, independent, ambitious, mature, but inexperienced sexually. Ready to meet NS woman as brave as I am, affectionate, supportive, emotionally healthy and capable of deep love. I have a '60s soul with strong moral integrity and am a rebel with a few causes. I love river rafting, sailing, swimming, scuba diving, dancing, music, bicycling, and the outdoors except for the bugs. Let's both have a sense of humor about this. Motorcycle and k.d. lang cuteness optional. Reply BT Box JY1B.

**Kitten Seeks Former Tom Cat**
Ready to be domesticated but not declawed. My Alley Cat would be warm and sensitive—purring with New York sophistication yet Marin mellow. For her, life is an adventure, sex is a hobby and world travel is essential. An accomplished professional, she is relaxed about success and loves catnaps in the sun—yet enjoys the energy of a younger woman still driven by success. This Alley Cat must believe in tackling life's problems and not fear intimacy or licks behind the ear. Finally she is willing to act as an anchor for a would-be workaholic who needs encouragement to hike Mt. Tam, spend sunny days at the beach or BBQ on lazy afternoons with friends (yours and/or mine).

**Assertive, Attractive Femme**
Wanted to drive this attractive, sporty, 1947 Italian coupe with a tan exterior and dk. brown convertible top. Am in great shape; sorry, no spare tire. Warm, prof. done interior has a sensitive touch stereo that plays anything from oldies to classical. Engine purrs best on country roads. Transmission needs a little work; temperamental gear box is quite selective. License plate reads: UMOR A MUS! Reply BT Box JY2B or call ★★8851.

**The Cup is Half Full**
Seeking optimistic, light-hearted, soft butch. You see life as an adventure. Can't help myself. I adore androgynous/butch women. Makes me weak in the knees just thinking of you. Me? GWF, 36 y.o., professional, medium weight, 5'4", somewhere in the middle of butch/femme thing. Prefer 30-40 y.o. age range. Please be drug/smoke-free. Light alcohol okay. Taking good care of yourself is a priority, the same is true for me. Reply BT Box JY3B or call ★★8852.

**Big In Berkeley**
SWF, 40, 5'9", 190 lbs., financially secure, emotionally stable. Seeking SWF to explore area with. Prefer intelligent, nurturing woman who is an older professional. I enjoy movies, dining out, tennis and people in general. I am androgynous in appearance, like all kinds of women, especially voluptuous ones, femme or dyke. Love to be teased, become hot & wet, then rubbed into ecstasy. Your pleasure is mine. Reply BT Box JY4B or call ★★8853.

**College Woman**
In search of other young women who would describe themselves as intelligent, mature, honest and passionate about what they do and who they love. Eventually I'm looking for a relationship with that special woman, but first I'm looking to make a few new good friends. My loves in life: learning, literature, Yosemite, the coast, backpacking, cocker spaniels, and giving (and getting) nonsexual massages. Life is too short so just take that risk and call! I will answer all correspondence. Call ★★8854.

**Hello There!**
40+ slender GWF, auburn/blue, seeks SF Peninsula lesbians to explore my new city with. Important to me are communication, honesty, physical fitness, sense of humor & independence. My interests include jogging, working out, hiking, birdwatching, light biking, museums, theater, ballet, movies, candlelit dinners, fine wine, dancing (esp. C&W). No smoke/drugs/S/M. Interested? Call or write... Reply BT Box JY5B or call ★★8855.

If a shy, crazy, intense, romance-loving, x-NYer can attain her goal with her first ad, she will find someone who is sensitive, literate, curious, secure and willing to explore all the roads life has to offer. I just need to know there is a woman out there who wants more challenge from this game of life. Likes: Nine Inch Nails, poetry readings, moshing, grooving on sunsets, and women who have a willingness to explore inside themselves and not be afraid of what they find. Is that an impossible goal? Call ★★8856.

**Given Up On Reality!**
**Looking For A Fantasy!**
Do you look and act feminine? Are you truly feminine by nature? Are you into... lipstick, Victoria's Secret, Ann Taylor dresses, Italian pumps, silk stockings and places this style will take you to? Do you mind if I... pamper, spoil, admire and adore you? For you: breakfast in bed, fine dining, romance beyond belief, hot oil massages from head to toe, candlelight baths, long slow wet kisses, flowers when you least expect them. I work long hours so you should be... understanding, patient, mature and trusting. Be GWF or GLF, slim or petite, cute, 25-30-something, very feminine, lite drinker/smoker if you wish. Please be employed, true to form, and like cops. No major hang-ups, ex-girlfriend problems, or substance abusers. Wake me from this dream. Let me know you exist! Reply BT Box JY6B or call ★★8857.

**Sometimes Bitchy—Sometimes Sweet**
North Bay late bloomer, 45, seeks SF dyke to share fun in the City & here in the country. 5'8", 200 lbs., still smoke some, like wine/beer sometimes. I love films, Motown, dancing, dine out/cooking, walking/talking. I like cats, ideas, galleries, reading, solitude. Short on time/money, long on interests. Let's have a long-distance friendship. Reply BT Box JY7B or call ★★8858.

**Namaste**
I honor the God in you looking for a special woman, 35-45, with knowing eyes, compassionate spirit and healthy body. Someone willing to undergo the transformation of love, who has the courage to see beyond suffering to the clear relations between things. The spirit needs spring and winter, beauty and terror, meeting and parting to achieve wholeness. I am 37, fit, and love the outdoors. I leave for India/Nepal now for 6 months. If you are drawn to respond, remember me. After the Solstice, I will write again. I wish you well. Reply BT Box JY8B.

**Desperately Seeking "Highly Suggestible"**
Read your ad in the June 4 issue. My phone & credit card have a 900 block so I couldn't call, I'd love to lead you, take you, inspire you and make you... dinner. And especially cultivate that friendship. I'm 31, butch of center, and would savor your company, that kiss, but most importantly, a first date! Reply BT Box JY9B.

**Sex & S/M?**
I am looking for women who want to have sex and play with S/M. I am a novice in the S/M scene and switch. If you are looking for someone to learn with and explore the different aspects of S/M, you have found her. I like to go to play parties, hope you will too. I am in my mid-40s, professional, working on abuse issues, like to talk straight. I identify myself as soft butch, 5'4", 140 lbs. Please call or write. I am waiting (and I don't like to wait). Reply BT Box JY10B or call ★★8859.

**Justify My Love**
Are you an independent, spontaneous femme? I'm a 26 y.o. rock 'n roll butch, responsible and impulsive. Can you put on a skirt for work, and be sexy in jeans at home? Together we are seductive, passionate, mysteriously challenging. Interested in exploring life from camping to theater, Aretha to Mozart. Quiet moments sharing ambitions and dreams. Understanding and sensitive to life's ups and downs. Watch me hit you a home run. Call ★★8860.

**Looking For Tenderness**
I wanted some affection, so I tried sex with a stranger, but that didn't work, I only felt more lonely. I'm not looking for love, because when you look you never find it, but I would like some tender affection with a kindhearted woman now. I want to hold someone and be held, touch gently and be touched, look into your eyes and see warmth. I want a sensual experience without the obligation of sex, unless we want it. If you feel these needs too and want to share with someone kind and warm, please leave a message. Vitals: GWF, 34 yrs., brown hair, blue eyes, 5'5", average size, androgynous. Call ★★8861.

**Sportin' Gal?**
Renaissance sportin' gal looking for same. An oxymoron? No, we're not extinct. Is your idea of the perfect weekend a bicycle ride up Grizzly Peak Road, philosophical discussions while hot tubbing at Osento, and winding down reading Dorothy Parker in bed? Can you two-step and do you like ragtime? Tell me how you are a renaissance woman. Be forewarned—I'm particular. Reply BT Box JY11B or call ★★8862.

**Professional Lesbians Of East Contra Costa**
Are you bored with the bar scene? Does your work schedule conflict with your social schedule? I'm tired of bars and of staying at home. I would like to meet women who want to experience social events with a companion. No drug users; light smoking and drinking OK. Reply BT Box JY12B or call ★★8863.

**Stuck In Upper Lake**
(For the summer.) I am new to Lake Co. Looking to get connected with lesbian groups in Lake, Sonoma and Mendocino Cos. If there aren't any, how about a date one-on-one. I'm a soft butch, mid-20s, down-to-earth, college educated, environmentalist, looking for similar. No drugs, Christians or Republicans. Light drinking and smoking OK. PO Box 584, Upper Lake 95485 or call ★★8864.

**Sensual Friendships**
I am looking for sensual women friends who feel comfortable with lots of tender physical touching —stroking faces & hands, holding each other. I am not interested in sex (that is reserved for my lover) but in sensually connecting with other women. I want an intimacy with my friends that for most women in this culture is reserved only for their lover. I am a writer, a woman of depth & spirituality, a lover of beauty in all its manifestations. Phone number appreciated. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 4513, Berkeley 94704-1513 or call ★★8865.

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**"Persistent Desire"**
Read Joan Nestle. Did you come out as butch or femme in the '50s or early '60s? 44-yr.-old "old school" butch looking to share stories and honor our diverse experiences as women from this era. Let's get together and share our stories and support each other. Call ★★8930.

**Language Exchange**
Looking for fluent speakers of Norwegian and/or Korean and/or Russian for conversation practice, cultural exchange. If there is enough interest, let's start up a club. Reply BT Box JY600B or call ★★8931.

**Enneagram, Anyone?**
Hi! I'm interested in meeting other lesbians who have studied the Enneagram and use it in their lives. If you're interested, please respond. Call ★★8932.

**Are You A Queer For Jesus?**
I would like to meet any gay and lesbian Pentecostals in the East Bay for possible Bible study and fellowship. I am affiliated with the National Gay Pentecostal Alliance and in the process of starting its ministerial training course. If interested, please call ★★8933.

**Gay Dawg Fans!**
Calling all Lesbian and Gay alumni/ae of the University of Washington. Rabid Dawg fan looking for others to descend on Arizona in September and/or November for Husky football games. Lots of sun, fun and camaraderie. Travel package available. Also planning monthly alumni meetings and other activities (i.e., brunch). Dust off your pom poms, bow down, and call me. Reply BT Box JY601B or call ★★8934.

**Magic? Magic!**
If you enjoy watching or performing magic (stage, parlor or close-up), join this fun group starting up in the East Bay. Free meetings. Podsnap the Terrific, a very amateurish stage magician, invites you to share your enthusiasm and talent. Other new vaudevillians (jugglers, mimes, stand-up comics, ventriloquists, etc.) also invited. Excellent opportunity to have a receptive group of friends with whom to try out your new material. Call ★★8935.

**Odd Hours/Diverse Desires**
Playpals wanted for cultural anthropological adventures, artful theater, dive bars, cemetery picnics, forest hikes, ethnic gatherings, great food, costuming, taiko drumming, drag shows. Experience and fun are goals; curiosity, energy, flexibility and finances the means. Sense of humor (subtle, silly, sarcastic), spontaneity, compassion, style, fun and personal responsibility highly appreciated. Laughing at self as spiritual practice a must. Bonding friendships must click, too, so call ★★8936.

**Basketball**
Looking for other women to join us for pick up games Wednesday evenings in the Castro. Level of play not important; we're just out to have a good time and get some exercise. Reply BT Box JY602B or call ★★8937.

**Pleasanton Tri-Valley Group**
Tired of running into the City to meet men. Let's get together here in the Pleasanton area, there are plenty of us out here! Come and meet your

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IT'S TOO LATE, MO. I'M SORRY. I SHOULDN'T HAVE LET THINGS SLIDE FOR SO LONG. BUT THERE'S NOTHING LEFT FOR ME TO PROCESS.
JUST LIKE THAT, BANG! YOU DON'T LOVE ME ANY MORE. IT'S OVER.
LISTEN, I FEEL AWFUL TOO! I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M LEAVING THE PERSON I'M CLOSEST TO IN THE WHOLE WORLD!
SO DON'T! UNPACK YOUR VCR AND STAY!
I KNOW. YOU CAN'T.
SOB!
DON'T CRY, SWEETHEART!
BWAA HAA HAA!
IT'S OKAY, DON'T WORRY.
SNK.
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M NEVER GOING TO MAKE LOVE TO YOU AGAIN.
I KNOW. JEEZ, IF I'D KNOWN THAT TIME ON THE COUCH AFTER ROSEANNE WAS GONNA BE OUR LAST, I WOULDA LIT SOME CANDLES OR SOMETHING.
AT LEAST WE COULD'VE TAKEN ALL OUR CLOTHES OFF.
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### bisexual

**Submissive**
29-year-old heavy metalist with girl's haircut, killer ass, girl's legs, money, veins and brains to match seeks sexy, lean female to use strap-on dildo on him in exchange for whatever her heart desires. Axl outlaw looks with personality to match. Looking for long-term relationship. HIV-. Call ★★8910.

**Slave Needs Owner**
WM, 33, bi-curious, looking for single women, couples or groups to take control of me. I have experience as a houseboy, cook, masseur & toy. Please use me for your pleasure or amusement. Take complete control of me, limits are meant to be expanded. I crave all forms of D&S, C&B, TT, WS, X-dress, humiliation, ritual & fantasy, very exhibitionistic. Leave instructions & receive complete obedience. Call ★★8911.

**Seeking Arrogant Student**
Masc., discreet WM with foot fetish will pamper cocky student or blue collar type. I'll fix your meals or snacks while you study, read, relax, watch TV. And I am your footstool. Sex not necessary and you don't really have to do anything. I'm 37, attrac., masc., not into gay bars or gay scene. My place available. Call ★★8912.

**Exit To Eden**
Bisexual man of Roissy Academy is now accepting limited number of the most intelligent, mature, imaginative, strong, sophisticated and self-assured of bisexual women and lesbians. Background understanding helpful. Experience not required. Desire to explore a must. PO Box 3902, San Rafael 94912 or call ★★8913.

**EurAsian Tigress**
(Born 1962!) Inexperienced but very attracted to pretty women. Seeking nonsmoking, politically conscientious, progressive, green (or "left") lover/best friend. I'm creative, silly, sexy, feminine (looking anyway), fun. Don't care if you're gay, bi or curious. I love samba, Latin-American music (especially Brazilian), beading, backstrap weaving, pow wows, swimming, gardening, picking blackberries, being together. I dislike yuppies, new agers. I'm a great friend, valuing open communication & returning calls. Reply BT Box JY300B or call ★★8914.

**Submissive Wanted**
BiWF & BiBM in their 30s seek sweet, sweaty, oral plaything(s). We are imaginative, a bit twisted and you might enjoy us. Any race/age/class considered. Call ★★8915.

**You Want It All?**
Are you a woman who resents having to alternately give up females and males? Explore the possibilities of a balanced, committed, loving relationship with affectionate bisexual WF, 33, and WM, 27. We are seeking an intelligent woman, not a "plaything," to aim for an eventual equal partnership in fully integrated triadic relationship. Friendship first. Please be a playful nonsmoker, very comfortable expressing emotions—and ready to be showered with tenderness and creative romance! We enjoy humor, good communication, creativity, honesty, sensuality, joie de vivre. Interests include: hot springs, gardening, hiking, cooking, sailing, nude recreation, massage, singing, arts, dancing, erotica, science fiction, photography, tropical islands, dining out. "Don't dream it—be it!" PO Box 12544, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★8916.

**A Vastly Misunderstood Lifestyle**
It's generally assumed without discussion that relationships involving 3 people aren't "serious" or "possible." Even the bisexual community, so accustomed to questioning the status quo, is often highly hesitant to disturb this remaining sacred cow of what relationships "may or may not" be. This prejudice is reinforced by ads from couples seeking "playmates for fun times." Yet there exist people who seek out the same loving tenderness and fulfilling serious relationship between 3 people as traditionally done by two. In fact, we know people who have been successfully in committed triadic relationships for years, as well as local and nationwide networks for support of this lifestyle. If you are interested in exploring joining our quest to form a triadic relationship (described in the ad "You Want It All?") or simply network with other like-minded people, let us hear from you! PO Box 12544, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★8917.

Two sensitive, bisexual men, mid-30s, HIV-, looking for one or two nonsmoking, bisexual women, late 20s to early 40s, for possible committed relationship. We are into nature, hiking, movies, dancing, biking, vegetarian cooking. Write to Boxholder, 3288 21st St., #20, SF 94110 or call ★★8918.

**Middle Aged Explorer**
45 y.o. GWM, 5'10", 150 lbs., HIV- and healthy, seeks men or women of bisexual bent. Although middle aged, I am exploring this scene for the first time. Assistance, please! I am intelligent, humorous and well-spoken. Not bad looking. 537 Jones St., #8778, SF 94102 or call ★★8919.

**Submissive W/M**
Seeking friends for talk and perhaps safe play. I'm 5'6", 125 and attractive. Nice smooth body, kind of boyish, a bit androgynous. Special weakness for soft butch women but all singles, couples, etc., welcome. So maybe I'm not too picky. Call ★★8920.

## m

### men

**Daddy's Boy Wanted**
Daddy is GWM, 48, 5'7", 135 lbs., brown hair and eyes, hairy, moustache, NS. You: under 35, bottom, passive, submissive, affectionate, NS, cuddly, healthy, stable, responsible, drug-free. If you are smooth to hairy, punk to clean-cut, leather to GQ, slender to muscular, effeminate to butch, stupid to brilliant, daddy will still love his little boy. Call ★★8954.

**Over 40 & Fit**
Sensual, intelligent, considerate, reliable, HIV-man, seeks same for making love and exploring the possibility of a long-term relationship. I'm 6 feet, 180 lbs., br/br, sexually versatile. You are slim or muscular, any height or race. I run, scuba dive, play bridge, but am ready to explore new activities. Letter, picture to Quest, PO Box 1661, Richmond 94802 or call ★★8955.

**Central Contra Costa J/O**
Buddies wanted: nonsmokers in decent shape, 20s to mid-40s. I'm 38, blond, 6'2", 190#. I don't care about your dick size or your "experience" (I haven't done anything like this in a while myself), but a playful attitude is a must, and you'll get many extra points for big nuts! Note, photo and phone to: 41 Sutter St., #1215, SF 94104.

**Bottom Butt Boy**
Well, not quite. I'm 40 y.o., hardly a boy. Nevertheless, I'm looking for a stud/daddy. Be P.C., dominant/aggressive, and attractive. I'm submissive/passive and a smoker. East Bay (Oakland/Berkeley) preferred, but SF OK if you've got what I need. And I need it bad, if you know what I mean. I'm 5'4", 145, brown/black, and waiting just for you. Reply BT Box JY70B or call ★★8956.

**Seeking Attractive Asian**
I am 40, 5'9", 150, HIV-, GWM, shy, sincere, nice looking, fairly muscular and athletic, analytical but also romantic. A UNIX programmer. Like films, lectures, computing, poetry, cafes, long walks, touching & talking... I am seeking a bright GAM in the SF area who thinks independently and is available for friendship and possible relationship. If interested, reply BT Box JY71B or call ★★8957.

**X-Poster Boy Seeks Fun**
I must be from Atlantis or some other world. OK, so love isn't on everyone's agenda here... How about just some fun? Still, I've got to at least feel comfortable with "whoever" before I give it up. I'm handsome and looking for a mutual attraction. 6', dark bl/br eyes, 180 lbs., versatile. You won't find me in the bars. I prefer wandering through woods, hangin' out with my dog, scuba diving, writing, and basically getting away. I think country-western dancing's pretty cool too. So, if you're a real person, an outdoors type into fitness, and at least somewhat "hot to trot," drop a line. PO Box 26556, SF 94126 or call ★★8958.

**One Smart Hunk Deserves Another**
29-yr.-old, bl/gr, 6'2", professional w/cover boy face & surfer man bod, seeks a butch buddy for athletic and aesthetic events. Weightlifting, tennis, riding, hiking, skiing, rock climbing, Colossus/Box dancing, family get-togethers, plays, movies, rare book hunting, art galleries, A-list (or z-list) parties, restaurant testing, etc. Great looks, quick mind, and vibrant health are required. If sparks fly, sex will be a raging fire. One negative: I'm HIV+. Letter with photo appreciated—calls OK too. Reply BT Box JY72B or call ★★8959.

**Leather Boy**
With beard and large cigar seeks leather dads into unusual rim and oral scenes, including WS. Must have facial hair. Prefer 40-65. Be healthy. Also interested in being photographed while servicing. Photo replies appreciated. Average size dicks are great! Reply BT Box JY73B or call ★★8960.

**Attractive GWM**
Early twenties—in-shape, smart, closet-less, Jewish, masculine, active, seeks similar for possible relationship or summer fling. I'm 5'7", with dark hair and eyes, 150 pounds. I'm looking for a good-looking, fit GWM or BiWM who likes to have a good time and is open to commitment. Call ★★8961.

**Tyranny Of The Young Getting You Down?**
Prefer quiet evenings at home over home-cooked meals? Prefer educated humor over trash and bitch? 49 y.o. gentleman, Swedish complexion, full light beard, HIV+, versatile, well-hung, interested in quality, in and out of bed. Box #743, Hayward 94541 or call ★★8962.

**Looking To Make A Good Friend In The East Bay**
I am a GWM, 34 years old, 5'8", 185 lbs., HIV-. Am living on a small, fixed income and have time to travel. Have a small trailer in the mountains to live in part-time. Am into travel, hiking, reading, pinball, drinking, music and oral sex. Am looking for a friend with a good personality, under 45 and HIV-, who is into oral sex. Reply BT Box JY74B.

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Horny straight, bi or masculine gay guys who enjoy great head but are particular about appearance of the giver, then this ad's for you. The giver is a healthy, HIV-, masculine, bearded, sports-minded, straight-acting, divorced bi who thinks it's better to give than receive. Send facial photo to PO Box 722, Campbell 95009 or call ★★8963. Live in South Bay but will travel for right guy.

**Seeking Man of Color**
WM, 42, 5'7", 155 lbs., HIV-, hairy bottom, dark blond hair, seeks masculine top, Black, Latin, Pacific Islander, any age, for fun, friendship, quality time and sex. I'm attracted to men with good looks, well built or stocky, happy positive attitude, sense of humor and enjoy life, would like a mentor to exercise with, walks on beach and more. Call ★★8964.

**Sex Is Good! Love Is Best!**
GWM, 53 (look 40), 5'7", 140#, brn/gray hair, blue eyes, cleanshaven, hairy chest, HIV-, nonsmoker, 7" cut; Greek active; French active/passive; nice looking, masculine, slim, professional music industry, amateur pianist, thoughtful, affectionate, independent, intelligent, sincere, seeks lifemate. You: 25-45 (younger or older OK if mature and in shape); masculine, handsome or cute, slender, nonsmoker, HIV-, available to relocate to South Bay. I like romantic, attentive, loving, caring person. No phonies, inmates, drug- or alcohol-addicted, or shallow types. Exchange photos. I love animals, plants, movies, music, TV, friends, dancing. Write: PO Box 620. Redwood Estates 95044. Not my first ad!

**Just Casual Sex**
Good-looking, South Bay GWM, 35, reddish-blond hair, blue eyes, 6'2", and 200 lbs., seeking casual encounters with young males, white or Latino, 18-23, in Northern Calif. Not looking for a relationship, just a lot of fun or whatever. PO Box 26252, San Jose 95159-6252 or call ★★8965.

**South Bay**
Slightly older (51) GWM, 6'1", 195 lbs., would like to meet you for friendship/possible relationship. I'm generally thought to be a nice guy, sincere, professional, who enjoys the arts, movies, fun times and quiet times. Not into types particularly, but you are probably a GAM over 30. Your personality and values are more important. Reply BT Box JY75B or call ★★8966.

**Searching For Mate**
GLM, 40, 175#, 5'5", HIV-, Mediterranean features, balding, dark brown eyes/hair, moustache, hairy, bilingual, bicultural, spiritual but not fanatical, politically liberal, well-educated (M.S. UCLA; currently doctoral student UC). I'm passionate, a bit shy, warm, affectionate, quietly masculine, not into macho B.S. I enjoy music, exercising, movies, nature, quiet times. I seek GWM, 35-45, HIV-, weight in proportion to height, beard/moustache +, employed a must, college educated +, professional, ND, NS, able to laugh at your human foibles. Please no games. Be sure of yourself, in touch with your inner self, and not afraid to mutually explore intimacy and relationship. I live + work in SF. Reply BT Box JY76B or call ★★8967.

**Philo, Anyone?**
GWM, 29 y.o., 165 lbs., 5'6", black hair, cleanshaven, with a hairy bod. Newly relocated oenology-wannabe seeks to meet gay men in the Anderson Valley for socializing. I prefer well-integrated, intelligent, fun, honest, warm and adventuresome guys to hang out with. I have a wide range of interests: music, reading, writing, cooking, hiking, beachcombing, movies, etc. I'm always open to new adventures. Platonic as well as romantic encouraged to respond! PO Box 592, Philo CA 95466.

**Mature English Leather**
Englishman, East Bay, 50s, designer/actor, manic gardener, with lovely home, Honda 1000, leather, needs life partner/lover, HIV-, responsible, independent, music lover, gregarious, humorous, loving, 30-60 (?). I'm 5'9", 165, dark, balding, rugged looks, big personality. I love entertaining, fine arts, open air. I lost my longtime lover to AIDS in '89 and have much love to give to the right man. Call ★★8968.

**Pot Of Gold**
At the end of the rainbow is waiting for you, if you are GWM, 27 to 35 y.o., HIV-, medium to tall height, very healthy, fit, muscular, with a swimmer's or gymnast's build. Huge is not important. Slim, trim, and very attractive is! Me: GWM, 35 y.o., HIV-, very financially secure. I am very slender and fit; 6'5" tall, dark and handsome. I have black hair, brown eyes and a moustache. I've been working out hard for that special someone (who I haven't found yet) and my friends say I look great. Is that special someone you? I am well travelled, love dining out, cuddling in bed and very safe sex. I am also a top and am aggressive but also like someone to be aggressive too! If I sound interesting to you, please give me a chance, you won't be disappointed. Please, serious only respond. No kinky or one-nighters please. I have so much to offer the right person. Letter & photo is good, or simply call. Reply BT Box JY77B or call ★★8969.

**Postman Rings Twice**
Recently left the postal service and am looking for a friend to travel with. I'm 50, fit, nice looking, practice Yoga, HIV+, like theater, art, architecture, movies, and outdoor adventures. Reply BT Box JY78B or call ★★8970.

**"Just Out! Gotta Love Me!"**
This 23-year-old, 5'6", 134#, GAM "newborn" is sincere, unassuming, educated, inexperienced, athletic, assertive, focused, mature, masculine, who prefers very discreet, intelligent, honest, healthy, mature, masculine GM (22-30) for a relationship. Enjoy dancing but still haven't gone to the bars because don't know their location... no joke. Other interests: Chess, reading, bowling, bicycling. Advanced tennis players a+. New to the Bay Area. Reply BT Box JY79B or call ★★8971.

**Beefy Seeks Chubby**
WM, 46, 5'10", 215 lbs., hairy Italian bear, looking to meet heavier guy for fun, friendship and whatever else happens. Prefer 25-45, sexually versatile, 250+. Send photo if available and detailed letter. Don't be shy. PO Box 291, Daly City 94016-0291 or call ★★8972.

**True Companion**
This loving, affectionate, compassionate, romantic, rebellious, irreverent, meditative teddy bear is looking for another seasoned traveller of the path to be my true companion. I am a masculine GWM, 45, 5'8", 180, brown/gray hair, hazel eyes, full gray beard, HIV-, with a muscular, chunky, cuddly body. I am attracted to warm-hearted, imaginative, bearded, virile, stocky men who are unafraid of intimacy and are willing to be open. My interests include: film, nature, Van Morrison, Bonnie Raitt, Enya, Stephen Levine, art, meditation, safe sex and life's mystery. Please include a photo with any written response. Reply to: Occupant, 38 Miller Ave., Suite 126, Mill Valley 94941 or call ★★8973.

**Summer Buddy**
Attractive guy, 40, German/Hispanic, brown hair, green eyes, 175 lbs., good build, clean-cut, creative professional. I am smart and friendly and I am looking for a masculine dark or tanned straightforward professional man, who is health-conscious, HIV-, who enjoys water and would like to meet another masculine man for summer fun. Write to R.G., PO Box 1204, Los Altos 94023 or call ★★8974.

**Att: Bicycle Jocks**
Bicycle jock, 38, 6', 195, straight-acting, looking for same. You: 18-28, blond or redhead, cleanshaven, solid, pleasant, laid-back attitude. Hairy chest and legs a plus. Great legs a plus also. Let's go riding, on or off road and get all sweaty from a great time and workout. In the evening you can get another great workout by pumping me in the bedroom like you did with your bike during the day. Reply to PO Box 1551, Martinez 94553 or call ★★8975.

**Hey You... (Yeah You!!!)**
... Ever been on a mini-vacation in the boonies? The kind of weekend where you and a bud zipped two sleeping bags together and held each other all night under the stars. Yes, you guessed it—another hopeless romantic!!! Sure, I've had my "cheap sex moments of glory" but they were just that—moments.... As for me I'm 31, 6'1", 165 pounds, blond hair and blue eyes. I'm very masculine, good-looking to cute, usually tan, very friendly and outgoing. As for you, you're over 18 but not over 32, don't live in clubs, have a generally optimistic outlook, are playful but have a serious side with a fantastic sense of humor! Extra points given for other hopeless romantics (after all, I'm the world's best kisser!). I don't believe in instant anything but everything has to start somewhere—maybe this time it could just be with a phone call... Reply BT Box JY80B or call ★★8976.

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**Fax Your Love To Me!**
And meet me by the sea. Nice guy from the East Coast hoping to meet another nice, romantic guy. One who enjoys both my fun and serious sides. I like art, especially Matisse, jazz, travel, eating out, dancing and Robert Frost. I have blond hair, blue eyes, 160, 5'9", 29. No drugs, very light alcohol. I have a challenging career that I love. And you? Call ★★8978.

**Seeking Luminous Junior**
Spiritually active, healthy, happy, attractive GWM, 42, 6', 160#, br/bl, seeks curious, luminous junior (18-25). I'm caring, sensitive and dynamic, intimate and adventurous, and I like reading, travel, TV sports, hanging out with friends, romance and a pinch of vital sex. You are similar, well-educated and mature, with a lean, hardy, passionate body and soul. Please send photo and note to PO Box 9687, Berkeley 94709.

**Very Shy**
GWM, 6'3", 160#, brown hair and eyes, moustache. I'm told I'm good-looking and that I don't look 42, but looks are a personal judgment call. I'm an average, open, masculine, upfront and honest guy, quiet, sort of a hick. I enjoy being outdoors, day hiking, driving, reading, movies, music and a bunch more stuff. I want to increase my circle of friends, with similar type guys, to do things with. If you're interested, send me a note and we'll see what happens. W.M., PO Box 7032, Berkeley 94707-0032 or call ★★8979.

**Inside/Outside**
Here are the qualities I value in myself and in you: honesty, sense of flexibility and fun, awareness of inner life, intelligence and a willingness to give and receive. The outside stuff: I'm a GWM, 43, about 6' tall, easy on the eyes, trim, good health, good career, HIV-, nonsmoking. I enjoy hiking, travel, friends, music, psychology and spirituality (with a sense of humor), exploring, and maybe a little dancing. If this strikes a chord for you, let's talk over a cup of coffee or during a walk. Reply BT Box JY81B or call ★★8980.

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### Chunky Chaser/Foot Fascination

If you've got extra pounds on, that's just perfect! If you're a person of color, I love that. If you're older, I love that too. I'm a 34 y.o. GWM, 5'11", 175 lbs., br/bl. Actively romantic heart, smooth body and to me feet are sexy! Call ★★8982.

### Perfect Combination

GBM seeks GWM, 25-40. I'm 32, 6'1", 240 lbs., F/P, G/A, football player build, straight-acting, not into "the scene." I like tall men, easygoing with an open mind. My interests are varied and yours should be too. I'm a nonsmoker, looking for another HIV- guy for good times and possible relationship. Looks are unimportant. It's what's inside that counts. PO Box 591096, SF 94159.

### Smarter Than The Average Bear

35 y.o., 185#, 6', full-bearded bear, articulate media professional, spends lots of time outdoors (hiking, bicycling, sailing) and indoors (reading). Looking for a bearded bear to add fucking and cuddling to that list. Like interests a plus, and salt/pepper makes me slobber, but the only essentials are a bearded man satisfied with who he is and what he does for a living, with a dick that has a mind of its own. Reply BT Box JY82B or call ★★8983.

### Bright Eyes Seeks Asians

Loving, caring GWM, 37, sincere, honest, healthy, seeks slim, cleanshaven Asian guy who is also loving, caring, sincere, honest, healthy, for companionship and hopefully lasting relationship. I am 6', 180 lbs., with soft brown hair and hazel eyes. I currently reside on East Coast (Virginia) but am hoping to relocate to San Francisco. Please reply with detailed letter and photo. Reply BT Box JY83B.

### I Call When I Say I Will!

Don't be shocked. I am looking for someone fun who has goals and is going somewhere, not perched on a bar stool. Info: white, 27, 6 ft., 160, brn/grn, grad student, fairly good looking. (Modesty? What is that...?). I am together, hip, stable, with a twisted sense of humor. Content on a bike in Marin or running around in SF. You: 25-35, white/Black, ht/wt proportionate. Better if you're a smart ass with a sense of adventure and can keep me in line. Reply BT Box JY84B or call ★★8984.

### Passion & Compassion

Just coming into my gayness at 45 after being celibate until recently. Looking for men to explore with me the mysteries of sex. I wish to experience safe sex and build relationships within a spiritual framework desiging not only passion but growth in compassion and love through my sexual experience. No voice mail. Drop me a note with phone number and I will respond. Reply BT Box JY85B.

### Put Some Zings in Your Zex Life!

Zest up your summer with a mature Asian male who's seeking adult pleasures with nonsmoking, non-alcoholic, drug-free, top males. I'm 5'7½", 140 lbs., uncut, smooth of body, graying hair and affectionate. Have transportation, will travel 65 mile radius. I aim to please if you respond to this ad, and I will reply to all callers. Be healthy, honest, open and loving. Call ★★8985.

### Untitled

Grad student, 25, 5'11", 170#, looking for friend/lover who is enthusiastic about himself and looking to share some of himself. You should be creative (in and out of bed), secure, self-aware, open, smart (not necessarily able to dish the academic BS like I do but a real practitioner of the vital art of conversation). I'm a perpetual student, studying film, French, ballet and whatever else grabs me. I enjoy all the disco bunny stuff—clubs, television, videos, music—but I'm well aware that there's much more to life. Movies, theater, art, the outdoors, Monopoly—I enjoy almost any activity if the person I'm with is enjoyable. I love to try new things. What do you like? Reply BT Box JY86B or call ★★8986.

### A.!!

Where are you? You moved! I miss picking you up at Good Guys. We feel good together. Please call and let me know how you are doing! I miss you! Love ya. —"D." Call ★★8987.

### Something New

38, 5'8", slim but in shape (gym), HIV-, masculine, attractive to some, intelligent, enjoy the outdoors—hiking, tennis, jogging, cooking. Less into "popular culture." Would like to meet communicative, masculine, lean, HIV- men under 45. Aggressive approach to life & a bit of healthy cynicism are pluses. Photo appreciated and returned. Reply BT Box JY87B or call ★★8988.

### Roller Skating Then Pink Saturday 6/27

We noticed each other at Gay Roller Skating on a Wednesday over a month ago. I have dark, wavy hair; I'm 5'10" and Italian. Your hair is blond/light brown and you're very cute. You were with some Asian friends. You left before we could say hi. Then we saw each other again in the Castro on Saturday night 6/27 (Gay Pride Weekend). You were with the same Asian friends. Our eyes met once again. We smiled and said hi to each other. I would very much like to meet you properly. Please contact me so we can talk! Call ★★8989.

### Foreign Affairs

Attractive, intelligent East Indian male, 29, would like to meet other good-looking, interesting and sensitive men, 22-34. Please write a letter with photo to PO Box 1551, Lafayette 94549 or call ★★8990.

### I Like Ass

This attractive GWM, 40, top, 6'5", 200 lbs., is looking for nice buns to play with. I want to look at, touch, massage, tickle and probe a nice ass. Light spanking will stimulate nerve endings, then on your knees for the safe sex to follow. You: attractive GWM, 21-35, slim build, nice ass and hungry. If your dick's hard from reading this ad, better call now! Reply BT Box JY88B or call ★★8991.

### This Slim, Trim, Moustached HIV- Man

Would like to meet similar! I'm generally attracted to GWM from 30-50. Sense of humor, health consciousness, nonsmoking & little or no drinking are important to both of us. Me: GWM in my 40s, 147#, 6'1", with dark hair and moustache. I enjoy general social activities, movies, hiking, bridge, tennis, etc., and love to travel. I'd be happy to hear from you! Reply BT Box JY89B.

### Red Haired Chest

You: sexy San Jose man, Italian-Irish w/tattoos! We met at Castro's Pink Saturday party & I have to see you again stretched across my bed. No strings. Will meet in the city or S.J. & I promise to satisfy you again! Write Box 31, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★8992.

### Sticky Rice

Is what rice queens call me just because I prefer fellow Asians. I'm 33 years old, 5'9", 150#, goal-oriented, professional, sports enthusiast, good conversationalist and ready to be involved again. If you're a GAM who likes fellow GAMs, who is goal-oriented and career-minded, please respond by writing to Boxholder, PO Box 591761, SF 94159-1761 or call ★★8993.

### Men Over 60 Only...

Sought by GAM, NS, non-drinker, 110 lbs., 5'2", late 30s, HIV+, but healthy and asymptomatic. Looking for long-term relationship. Not into cruising bar & one night stand. Met many teasers in my life. If you are not afraid of HIV+ or HIV+ phobia and not a teaser, let's get in touch and share our dreams. Reply BT Box JY90B or call ★★8994.

### Californian Dream

Masculine GWM, French, 25 y.o., 5'11", 140 lbs., sexy and "handsome." Looking for an all-American or Californian guy, 22-32, well-built. I see you in the bars, but I'm too shy to talk to you. I will love your body, but your personality is going to light my fire... So talk or write, and more than 5 words—the brain is man's actual sex organ (Freud). Picture appreciated, returned and responded. Reply BT Box JY91B or call ★★8995.

### It's Time Not To Waste Time

Retired GWM, 143#, 5'7", HIV-, is seeking a sincere GBM any age for friendship, recreation, intimacy. It's poetry to say, "Grow old with me, the best is yet to be," and if you agree, and enjoy good music, good company, movies, dining, call ★★8996.

### Wanted

Obedient slave boy, 18-30, who likes being kept naked and ready to serve his master. A juicy, hot mouth and a receptive butt are required. Me: age 48, 5'7", 135 lbs., brown hair and eyes; moustache, hairy, HIV-. No drugs, smokers. Prefer weight-proportionate, non-promiscuous. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box JY92B or call ★★8997.

### College Student Seeks Friendship

GAM, 5'4", 130 lbs., 28 y.o., seeks men, 20-35, for honest and sincere friendship. I am looking for someone who is fun-loving, honest, sincere, financially and emotionally stable. I enjoy camping, hiking, eating out, movies, working out, cooking, politics or just staying home having a clean, fun conversation. If interested, please write (photo appreciated) to: PO Box 720332, San Jose 95172 or call ★★8998. Thank you.

### Santa Rosa

GWM, uncomfortable with bars and clubs, would like to meet a GWM under 32 yrs for friendship and, hopefully, a permanent and rewarding relationship. Have a tough time meeting serious-minded, masculine and fun guys ready for a commitment. Enjoy baseball, movies, TV or just talking. Dislike crowds, feminine guys and dancing in clubs. I'm hoping there's someone in Sonoma Co. looking for the same. Call ★★8999.

My fantasy of meeting Mr. Right is in the grocery store as our carts collide and my chocolate mixes with his peanut butter. But this just isn't happening. So, I'm taking this route. Me: 24 y.o., WM, very attractive and athletic. You: 24-30 y.o., sincere, attractive, and ? Call ★★9000.

### Prelude And Fugue

Handsome, intelligent, sincere East Bay guy seeks relationship with someone who sings, or plays a solo instrument. You: cute, in-shape, mid-30s to late-40s, into good music (classical/jazz), nonsmoker, lite-/non-drinker. As a hobby, I write music and play piano, also enjoy outdoors as well as domestic life, different cultures, the arts, and keeping fit. I'm 48, 5'10", 155#, healthy HIV+, trim build, medium complexion, br/br-silver, s&p 'stache, friendly smile. Do you appreciate a man who is passionate, fun, open and affectionate? Let's get together for tapas or a musical event—anything but a deadly "coffee" date. Call ★★9001.

### Papa Bear Seeks Black Cub

GWM, 52, 6', 205, brn/grn, hairy, healthy swimmer, seeks younger GBM, slim or muscular. Casual (safe) sex or friendship great, steady relationship even better. I'm a stable professional man with varied interests, but mostly home-centered, not into dancing or bars. Both (neither?) top or bottom, willing to please; eager to play and experiment. Own home in East Bay, near BART. Call ★★9002.

### Asian Friend Desired

By tall, slender, hairy (moustache) older man, sincerely seeking a close Asian buddy. You should like symphony and ballet (cheap seats), movies, local beaches, eating out & sensual, romantic idylls. Of course I'd be glad to share your interests too. Prefer that you are smooth-shaven, slim & sexually dominant. Write PO Box 191082, SF 94105 or call ★★9003.

### I Need Someone To Love!

To put my arms around, cuddle up to, have hot sex with, do things with and care about. I prefer guys who are younger, slim, cute, well-educated, liberal, positive, playful, and full of life. I am in my 40s and enjoy dancing, movies, plays, concerts and lots of outdoor activities. Call ★★9004.

### Bearded, Balding, Hot & Hairy

45-yr.-old GWM, 5'8", 185 lbs., HIV-, sensual, friendly top, with a great sense of humor and inner strength. Best kisser west of the Rockies! Seeking an honest, vulnerable, HIV- bottom for long, hot, passionate, animal sex. Preceded & followed by heavy cuddling. You in my arms. I hold you very tight. You look up & we sigh. Must like dogs. Race not important. Reply BT Box JY93B or call ★★9005.

### Gay Sierran

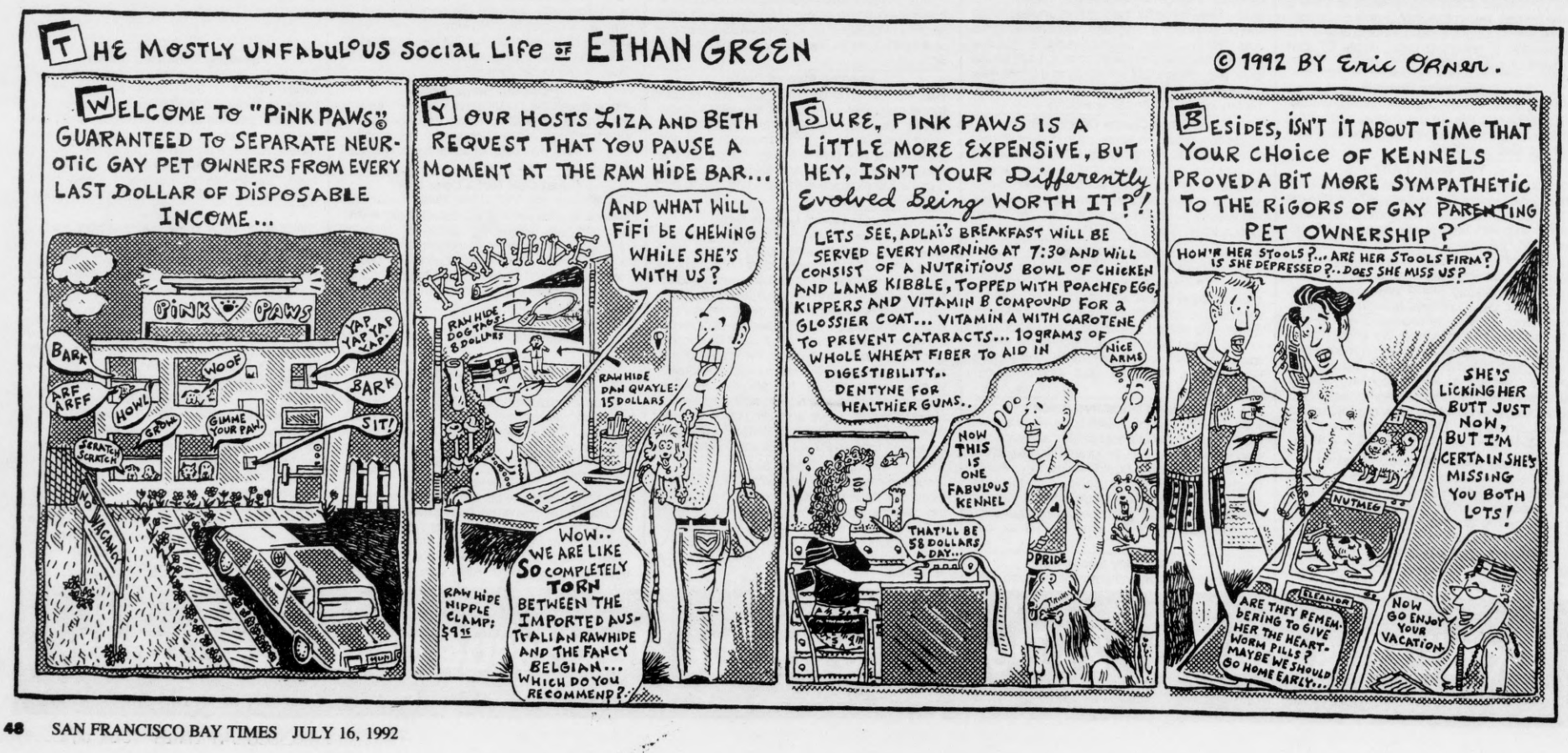
I saw you marching in the Gay Day Parade and I always seem to see you when I am picking out bread at Andronico's on Irving or washing my clothes at that dinky laundromat at 15th Avenue. You are tall with glasses, a goatee and close-cropped hair. I am in my mid-20s with glasses, short brown hair and a housemate you might wrongly think is my grrrrrl-friend. I'm too shy to say anything to you but would like to meet you. Please say yes, I'm awfully nice. Call ★★9006.

### Handsome And Hairy Guy

Fit and friendly, masculine and muscular, 5'10", 34, seeks another good-looking guy for workouts, biking, dating (?), exploring the city with. Dark-haired guys with hairy chest/stomach a real turn-on! I'm new to SF and want to meet some quality friends. Tell me about yourself and how we can connect. Reply BT Box JY94B or call ★★9007.

### Monogamous And Muscular

I'm an honest, sincere, caring guy into working out, cooking, film, art, theater, dating, TV, dancing, nightlife, gay events, Democrats, talk shows, fashion, 501s, massages, body worship, tit-play & JO. I'm a smooth, muscular Asian, 5'7", 150#, 40c, 30w, 14a, great legs, moustache, HIV-. No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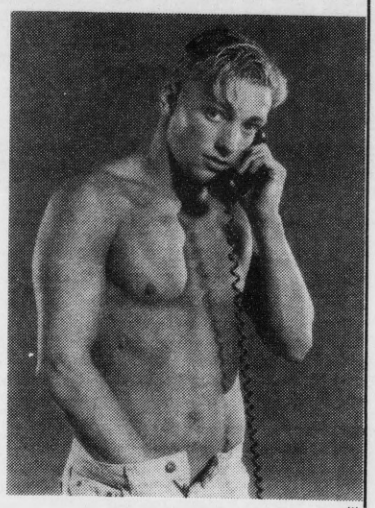

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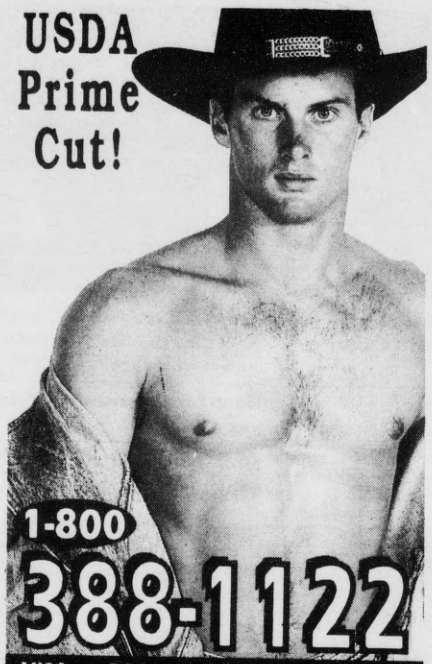

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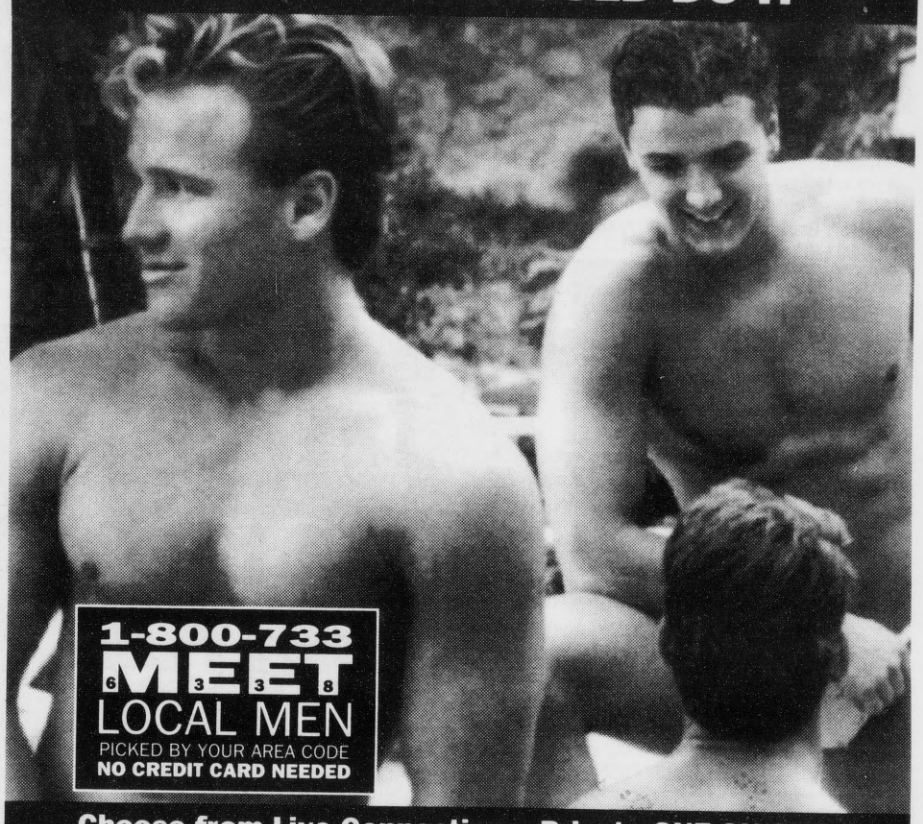

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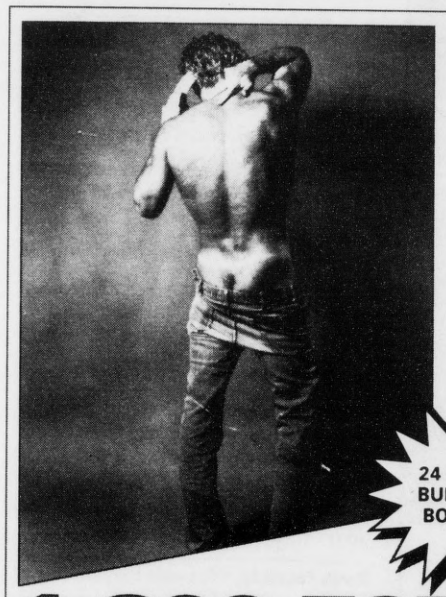

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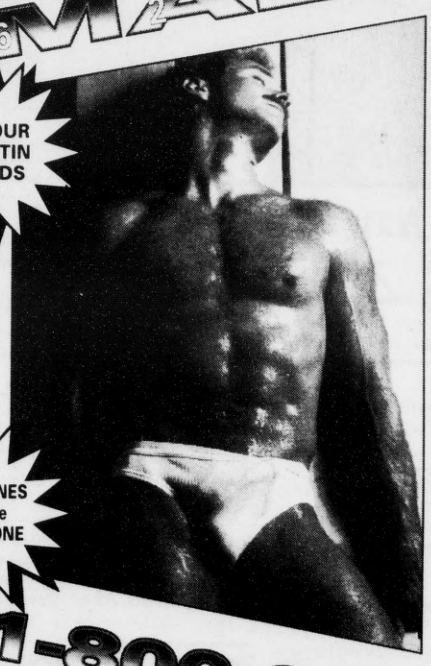

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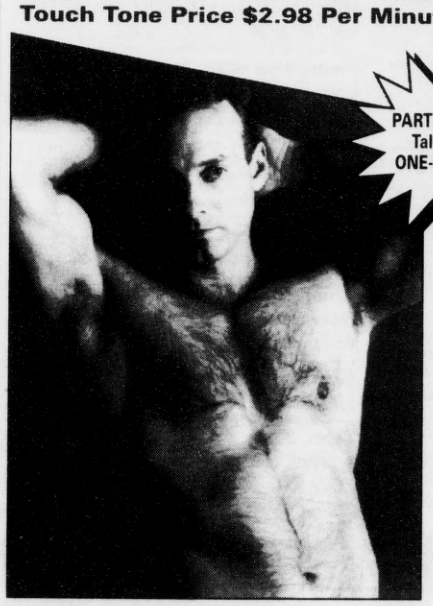

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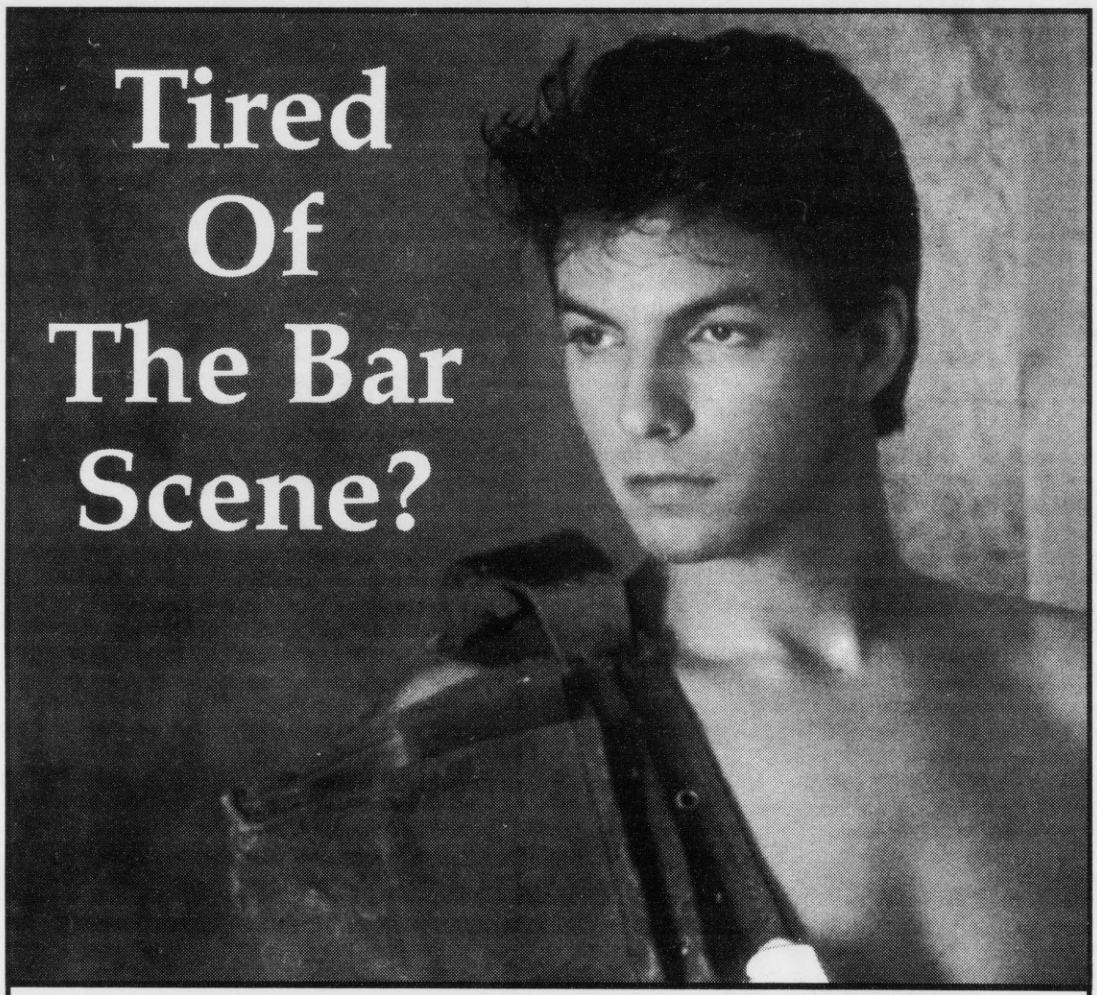


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**S.F. Bay Area,** Albert, Latino, 35. Ext. 6115

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**Santa Rosa Area,** Safe playmate wanted, Alex, GWM, brown hair, clean shaven, hairy chest, healthy, good cook, discreet. Ext. 6227

**South Bay,** Fussy but attractive black male looking for any race except BM. I'm 24, 5'11", 145lbs., handsome, well built, seeking 18-25 only. Ext. 6265

**Seeking well defined person,** 21, olive skin, blond seeking serious only. Ext. 6358

**New To the Area,** Spicy hispanic, 25, leave a message. Ext. 6272

**Silicon Valley,** glorious euphoric masseuse, 34, 6', clean shaven. Ext. 6283

**San Jose, Man's** touch needed! Bi-male looking for smooth top man. Ext. 6351

**Magnum, 6',** 165lbs., seeks Dad type. Ext. 5625

**Burnt out Grad student,** UC Berkeley, 5'11", clean safe, Latinos and Asians a plus. Ext. 5832

**Show me the Ropes,** Michael, 5'10", 28, 160lbs., blond. Ext. 5813

**Strange individual in SF,** into astrology, sci-fi, 5'11", 150lbs., Eurasian with long black hair. Ext. 5849

**Ready for Steady,** No head trips, Don, 29, seeks older gentleman 35-45, for good time. Ext. 5842

**Love the Nightlife,** 5'7", 175lbs., Rod, 22, Phillipino seeks asians decent for romance. Ext. 5529

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**Duncan,** Los Altos Hills, 26, 6', Engineer, Slim, Handsome, Attractive, enjoy baseball, Music, seeking companionship. Ext. 4021

**Pleasanton, CA,** looking to have a nice time, Randy, black male, 36, 5'9". Ext. 4937

**Reno Nevada,** 19, brown hair, handsome, bodybuilder, outdoor person. Call and ask for Brian. Ext. 4964

**Friendly Guy,** Tom, 6', 190lbs., hairy chest. Ext. 5013

**Mike,** 18, seeking 18-25 for romance and fun. Ext. 4926

**Pleasanton area,** Randy, 5'9", 165lbs., looking to meet guys 21-35, blond hair is a plus. Ext. 4866

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**Mature Gay White Male, 68,** wants younger men in San Jose Vicinity for friendship. No Drugs, would like calls from other states also. Ext. 4005

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**Novice,** in S.F., Craig, 27 blond, 5'7". Ext. 3746

**SF, 19,** and cute, funny, Jimmy, brown hair, 6', 160lbs. Ext. 4373

**Mike, Native SF,** 37, 1/2 Italian, 1/2 Mexican, good looking, masculine, love to read the classics. Ext. 4522

**Submissive, 25,** boyish looking seeking other men. Ext. 4446

**Santa Rosa, Reuben,** health professor, 29, looking to date for social times together. Ext. 4771

**SF, Milt,** city dweller seeks top man. Ext. 4825

**Into Wrestling?** 195lb er seeks wrestling partner into the safe scene. Ext. 4781

**San Francisco** How about my neck of the woods? Ext. 4225

**SF, Enjoy very** masculine men 25, 5'10", brown hair, Ext. 3989

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**Joey SF** 26, Tall and in good shape. looking for white men only. Ext. 4241

**Seeking tall** men ask for michael. Ext. 4244

**Greg, 25, blond,** blue, athletic, 140lbs. Ext. 4273

**Mike, 36,** Bodybuilder seeking men. Ext. 4323

**Mike, 26,** with a 29 inch waist seeks phone fun. Ext. 4287

**Steve, 25, 6'2",** 200lbs., with brown hair, looking for the same for good times Ext. 4301

**22, Very Masculine,** 5'11", 145lbs. interested in meeting the same. Ext. 3907

**Super nice guy** Italian/Irish very good looking seeks hot guys. Ext. 3788

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**Try Me!** I'm 21, 6', 165lbs., blond, looking for south bay guys. Ext. 3821

**Looks not important** Mexican man looking for a good time, early mornings OK. Ext. 3827

**Sam, 32,** interested in phone fun, leave message in my box. Ext. 3833

**Versatile,** well built, Tony, 27. Ext. 3837

**New to California** good looking, 5'11", 180lbs., dark hair, seeks relationship. Ext. 3838

**GWM, 23,** likes snowboarding, outdoors, seeks emotionally secure male. Ext. 3856

**Asian** looking for Asians. Ext. 3719

**Buddy, live alone,** looking for new friends. Ext. 3740

**Stockton, Eddy, 27** looking to meet new friends. Ext. 3952

**GWM slender,** 22, masculine. Ext.3242

**Ed, 27,** like to meet new people. Ext.3431

**Mike, 23,** call anytime. Ext.3434

**SF, Conrad.** Ext. 3518

**SF Cowboy,** New to town, love outdoors, 28 cowboy from Texas looking for sun & fun in Calif. Ext.3404

**SF Bob, 24, Oak grove,** HIV+, 6'1, 180, no fats. Ext.3390

**Tony 6'2, 32, brown hair,** smooth body, good shape, looking for fun and friendship. Ext.3359

**Charles, 18,** looking for gorgeous men. Ext.3272

**20, Hispanic and blue eyes,** energetic risk taker. Ext. 3299

**Just out, need help,** 6'2, 180, 38 years old, brown hair. Ext.3329

**Asian, or Italian types.** Ext. 3169

**SF, Surfers?** GW Men 18-25. Ext. 3200

**San Francisco,** I'm a beginner looking for advice. Ext. 2660

**San Francisco Artist,** looking for a model, Call Richard at Ext. 2687

**Tony, No. California** 48, Interested in dating young 18-30 slim. Ext. 1658

**San Francisco 1st timer,** bi-curious excited, need teacher for massage or more. Ext. 1590

**Jay, athletic,** 36, in San Francisco seeking attractive white men under 32, ready for work-out. Ext. 1176

**Howard, in SF,** 32 professional 5'10, straight acting, sports, safe fun, discreet. Ext. 1160

**Craig, 36,** 190, San Mateo, NS, No drink, prefer Latinos 18-23. 1st timers spec. service, serious only. No calls after 10pm. Ext. 1581

**Redding, CA** Service oriented. Do you like being spoiled? Call Harvey, 45, white, I'll buy if you'll fly! Ext. 2340

**Wrestling? Blond,** blue eyes, Bob, 6', 195, well built. Ext. 2419

**Just Divorced,** San Mateo, CA, 53, 5'7", 150 lbs., blue eyes, blond hair. Ext. 2430

**Latino Men,** 35-40 in SF, Richard, looking for friends and more. Ext. 2589

**Randy, 32,** blond hair, handsome, in Concord, looking for friendly in shape guy early 30's. Ext. 2318

**Handsome Rich,** in Mountain View, CA, call anytime for phone fun or lover for relationship. Ext. 1678

**David,** attentive, fun to be with. Ext. 2782

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**Black or White OK,** 25, let's spend time together, Richardo. Ext. 7285

**Comfortable in Old jeans,** easy going, 5'7", 160lbs., smi-muscular, trim beard, hairy, enjoy camping, hiking, trips to Reno, Yosemite, real men only. Ext. 7287

**Spanish American, Sacramento,** looking for true friend, preferrably 6'2 with eyes of blue. Ext. 4038

**Gay Couple seeks gay men,** or gay couples fo good clean fun, no games. Ext. 7178

**Intelligent and Humourous,** 35, professional man. Ext. 7525

**Clean Shaven from Fresno,** 6' 170lbs., very handsome Steve, need goodlooking well hung man, please be discreet. Ext. 6786

**Sacramento Law student masculine,** 26, 5'10", seeks smaller, boyish, cute fun guys, clean shaven. Ask for Bob. Ext. 7077

**Can Travel,** 37, 6'1", 190lbs., dark hair, clean shaven, tanned top man seeks hairy body. Ext. 7033

**Let's Explore Together,** Mike from Sacramento, 35, 5'10", sandy grey hair, looking for fun and attractive men for fun times. Ext. 6999

**Yes, seeking part time lover,** I'm, 35 white, 5'9", 28 inch waist, smooth masculine, new to scene, Bi's OK. Ext. 6690

**Seeking Asian Males** for outdoor fun and afternoon get together, Steve, 29, 6', 190lbs., seeking young smooth men. Ext. 6489

**Afternoon Delight,** Romantic male seeks top men for afternoon fun. Live in Placerville area. Call me. Ext. 6574

**Chico,** 28, 5'9", 170lbs.. Ext. 5527

**Sacramento Poet,** I'm looking for a friend. "A true friend is one soul in two bodies". Ext. 4038

**Stockton, CA,** 5'11", brown hair, top man seeks younger guys. Leave a message. Ext. 5045

**Sacramento,** Eric, young guy without experience, no strings attached, call me and leave a message. Ext. 4911

**Tired of Bar scene,** Sacramento, handsome white male, 29, smooth seeks same. Ext. 5106

**Valley GUY,** in Fresno, 39, 5'10", 165lbs, seeks outdoors type between 25 and 35 for a monogamous and positive intimate friendship. Prefer non-smokers, drug free. Ext. 4017

**Glenn,** call me tonight, Ext. 4828

**Sacramento, 5'9",** 32, 150lbs., hairy chest, gentle top, let's cuddle, Ext. 3708

**Sacramento,** Let's meet late tonight, I'm Bisexual, passive, discreet. Ext. 4498

**Sacramento,** Seeking gentlemen for interesting fun. Ext. 4508

**Sacramento,** generous mid thirties, goodlooking. Seeking arrangements. Ext. 4419

**S. Shore, Lake Tahoe,** Latin male looking to make a connection. Ext. 4813

**Sacramento** 165lbs., Bi, Rick, Ext. 4235

**Sacramento, RON,** 5'5", 126lbs., with swimmer's build. Call me tonight. Ext. 4235

**Sacramento area Athletic** black and white couple seeks other men. Ext. 3418

**Sacramento, Muscular,** 5'10, call Tom. Ext.3516

**Sacramento, Latin,** 6'3, loves sports, 30, 175, looking for Asian, or Italian types. Ext. 3169

**Sacramento,** 2 bold guys looking for fun. Ext. 2850

**Sacramento,** discreet guys. Ext. 2862

**Sacramento, financially successful** mid 30's looking for extra-ordinary. Ext. 3201

**Sacramento, Half Italian & Portuguese** Dan. Ext. 3072

**Sacramento, CA, Harvey,** 6', 190 lbs., looking for fun. Ext. 2471

**Sacramento, CA,** above average?? gentleman let's connect. Ext. 2438

### OREGON

**N.E. Portland 32 year old,** black male, eager to please, seeks masterful man let's give it a try Mbx 7837

**Travelling Man,** I travel from NY to Portland and in between, into antique cars, computers, Dan, 30 Ext. 7370

**Portland GM couple in 30's,** looking for cute boyish (18-23). We offer affection and stability. Call for more details. Ext. 6943

**Nervous First Timer,** 6'. 180lbs., 32, seeks bi-curious males 18-50 (one or more). Call David, Ext. 6464

**I Need More!** 28 year old Bi-Male, fun, seeks part time lover. Ext. 6691

**Are You The Right Guy?** I'm 22, Italian, brown hair, 5'6", waiting to hear from you. Ext. 6680

**Seeking Top Men For Fun Times,** Ron, in Portland waiting for your call. Ext. 6614

**Downtown Portland,** Athletic, 28, seeks same. Ext. 6583

**Portland, OR, Wanted, TOP MAN,** I'm good looking, GWM, 27, 5'9", 163lbs. Looking for someone under 37. Ext. 4012

**Oregon, John,** 6', 34, Bi-male. Ext. 5262

**Steven in Portland, 28,** handsome, 5'9", 160lbs. flat top, 31" waist, versatile. Ext. 5269

**Gentlemen Prefer Blue!** Anthony, 18yrs., 6'1", slender and attractive with gorgeous baby blue eyes. I'm waiting. Ext. 4024

**Portland Tom,** outgoing, sandy blond hair. Ext. 4710

**Portland Athletic,** 23,, looking for top men 28-38, call Tim. Ext. 4752

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31, seeks other self-questioning, self-affirming, gay/queer men in their mid-20s to late-30s for friendships. I am well-educated, smart, progressive. Need, like, love: reading, music, art, film, politics, wandering around SF, Berkeley, cooking, weaving. My work brings/demands a balance of nurturing and intellectual challenge. New to the area, would like the same plus possible safer sexual exploration with other accomplished gay men. For the record, I am a brn/brn, 5'7", 150 lbs., HIV- GWM who is in good shape, a nonsmoker and very light drinker. Write to PO Box 14852, SF 94114 or call ★★9013.

**Looking For Asian Boyfriend**
Lonely, stable GWM hoping to find Asian friend, leading to a relationship. I'm friendly, mature, romantic, affectionate, but usually shy. Interests include computers (work in computer industry), electronics, science fiction, cats, travel, watching TV, quiet times at home, more. Don't smoke or drink, hopefully you are similar. I am 39, brown hair/eyes, 5'11", 195#. If you are looking for the same: PO Box 5357, San Mateo 94402 (photo if possible) or call ★★9014.

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Disabled guy in wheelchair and with speech impediment, who attends Hastings Law School and who is working for the Department of Justice as a summer associate, seeks loving, committed, sensitive guy with a big heart to enjoy love and happiness. I am a budding lawyer with lots of future potential and want to share my life with a courageous guy who has self-esteem, energy and vitality. If you are looking for committed and dynamic relationship, then let's explore our potential. Call ★★9015.

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**That Ol' Black Magic**
GWM, 30s, tall, handsome & athletic, seeks mature, masculine GBM to put me in his spell. You should be 48+ age-wise, HIV-, NS, stocky build, and ready to share the sexual delights of this lean, muscular, eager, white male. Beard, uncut & graying are all pluses. Reply BT Box JY98B or call ★★9018.

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By handsome GBM, 28 yrs. old, 5'11", 165 lbs., trim, intelligent and independent. I enjoy dinner out, good movies, great books, lazy Sundays in bed with the comics, pink section and you—because you are 6'+, good-looking, NS, who is well-read, a hopeless romantic, great in bed, and always gives that extra something in everything you do... My energy is endless! If this is your dossier, don't wait. Call now!! Call ★★9019.

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WM, 5'6", 155 lbs., seeks muscular guy of any size into pumping up, oil, mirrors, posing and being admired. Like defined, baseball biceps, pecs, veins, hot legs, armpits. Especially seek Asian bodybuilder into showing off his physique. PO Box 426655, SF 94142.

**GWM Seeks GAM**
Life is more meaningful when we're together. You are 25 to 45, HIV-, nonsmoker, not overweight. I'm 42, 5'9", 145 lbs., good-looking, HIV-. I want to be in a monogamous relationship with a guy who is honest, caring and wants to establish a long-term relationship. I am a successful professional, but it's meaningless without you. Let's talk and if the chemistry's right... Reply BT Box JY100B.

**Exhausted**
The joy of living left my life when the guy I loved ran off with someone else. I've tried everything since, from psychiatry to self-hypnosis, and have exhausted the ways of having sex by myself. But there's no substitute for the "real thing." Among my disadvantages: I'm a 56 y.o. WASP, not considered handsome, certainly not "buffed"; I prefer persons different from myself (Asians, A/A, SEAsians, etc.), and I'm more sensitive to exploitation than formerly. Among my advantages: I'm stable, employed, generous, literate, nonsmoker, healthy, not "PC," and a true romantic. As for interests, there are few things I absolutely can't stand, but disco is one of them. I've heard all my life there are some young men who genuinely like older guys, but have yet to connect with one. If you fit the description, and aren't looking for a Blake Carrington, write. Reply BT Box JY101B or call ★★9021.

**Like Leather But Not S/M?**
Leather daddy, late 40s, bearded, trim, distinguished, salt & pepper, 6', seeks shorter, slim boy under 30. You have fantasized about having such a relationship but have been afraid of the S/M connotations. Relax—this daddy isn't into pain, just lots of TLC, daddy-boy stuff and maybe a little light B&D if the boy likes it. Definitely into leather and leather lifestyle. You should like giving head, letting daddy take charge. I am a patient, loving teacher. Call ★★9022.

**Hold The Spam**
Seeking sensitive/creative/introverted type in SF with boyish enthusiasm for life's little pleasures. Some likes: movies at Lumiere & Clay, rock music (Pogues, Billy Bragg, Tom Waits, Nick Cave, Michelle Shocked, Chris Isaak), Kyle McLachlan, Kliban, Gorey, Escher, Jung, speculative science/philosophy, animals & nature, frisbee in the park, old flannel shirts. Dislikes: pretention, stereotypes, Spam. I'm 27, blond/blue, 5'7", lean/thin, HIV-. Prefer similar age, build, status. Not into the scene, just seeking a nice, easygoing guy to hang out with, catch a movie, compare doodles, go bungee jumping, whatever. Reply BT Box JY102B.

**Italian/Latino GM**
36 years old, 150 lbs., 6' and have dark hair & a moustahce. I am very affectionate, love to kiss, and have many interests. I'm not into bars, drugs or Republicans. I'd like to meet others over 30 who share my interests, any height, weight, ethnicity or build, for sincere friends or possible relationship. Please send photo if possible. Reply BT Box JY103B or call ★★9023.

**WASP**
Handsome, clean-cut, professional GWM, 29, 180 lbs., 6', who enjoys sleeping in on Sunday, gym workouts, running, eating out, music, movies, great sense of humor, intelligent, caring, romantic, down-to-earth. For friendship toward building a relationship. Under 35. Big smiles +. Reply BT Box JY104B or call ★★9024.

**Handsome, Cute, Sexy**
Seeking similar. I'm 25, 5'7", of Asian and American backgrounds, masculine, with a dark, smooth, well-defined and sexually versatile body. My interests include working-out, films, dining, music, travel, dancing and the arts. I seek men of any background who, like myself, are sincere, intelligent, good-humored, ambitious, physically & mentally fit. With the right person, I like to cuddle, kiss and be close. Romance and relationship possible. Reply BT Box JY105B or call ★★9025.

**Artist, 34**
Is ready for building a stable, long-term, romantic relationship. ND, NS, light alcohol. An ideal date is a casual supper and a walk in the City, stopping at a cafe or maybe going back to my place for a glass of wine on the fire escape. I enjoy the finer things in life, but I'm not materialistic. I exercise moderately and take care of myself. I'm spiritual but not religious, down-to-earth and a little philosophical. I have a great sense of humor that's sometimes a bit dark, but rarely at anyone's expense. Both extroverted and introverted, I like some time alone and need someone who can understand and respect that. You won't be my therapist, I have a great one. I won't be yours, you have a great one. We will communicate directly, honestly, yet be sensitive to (not responsible for) each other. I'm pretty independent, but need to share my life with others whom I trust and enjoy. So how 'bout a cup of coffee? Oh yeah, I'm 6', 170, long aub./brn, beard, HIV+. Reply BT Box JY106B or call ★★9026.

**Handsome, Masculine Man Wanted**
To explore relationship possibilities. I enjoy exploring the great outdoors, bicycling, hiking, backpacking. Looking to meet fit, straight-appearing guy, 24-40, nonsmoker, HIV-, easy-going with weekends free, financially secure. I'm 32, tall, lean, live in SF but don't go to bars. I'd like my companion to be positive, energetic, honest, monogamous, environmentally conscious, and my best friend. Call ★★9027.

**Masculine, Midwestern & Mellow**
Handsome, fun-loving, in-shape WM, 40, 6'1", 180, brown/blue, HIV-, seeks similarly jockish, healthy, good-natured W/H/AM for friendship and hopefully more. Bicycling, swimming and hiking keep me fit; music, movies and travel keep me interesting. You're 21-42, mature but playful, free of cant from right or left and responsible. Let's meet and enjoy summer in and outside the City! Call ★★9028.

**Teach Me To Play Guitar**
So we can share a love of music & hopefully a love for each other may develop. Me: GWM, 37, 5'11", 140, HIV-, quiet, shy, friendly, affectionate, gentle. You: GAM, GWM, GLM, under 39, thin, HIV-, gentle, similar interests: beaches/parks, quiet times at home, cuddling, music, VCR movies, board/card games. Non-guitar players also encouraged to respond. PO Box 1041, Alameda 94501 or call ★★9029.

**Chiron Rising**
GWM, 47 yrs., 6'2", 195#, short trimmed beard, silver/light brown hair, husky, brawny, living on rural Marin farm. Straightforward, trustworthy, very healthy, non-drinking, non-smoking, masculine businessman, financially secure. Seeking younger, honest, masculine, financially independent, stable man as long-term partner who knows active, older gay men are hot. I enjoy extensive travel, reading, ranch work, business, queer & liberal politics—and of course home & hearth. Have the flexibility to relocate for the right man. Please write Boxholder, PO Box 751081, Petaluma 94975 or call ★★9030.

This good-looking GWM is looking for more than just sex. Hey, I love sex but it would be nice to go out and dance our asses off and know each other first. Me: 22, 6', 165#, brn/brn, love music & camping. You: 20ish, cute, height/weight proportioned, able to enjoy what life has to offer, sane yet has a wild side that likes to play! North Bay +! Reply BT Box JY107B or call ★★9031.

**Sailor Seeks Live-Aboard Lover**
To share the freedom aboard my 45 ft. sailboat and help me continue the perfect Bay Area natural lifestyle. I'm 40, 5'11", 170, fit, HIV- and ready to bond with a young man who has an unfulfilled sense of adventure. No experience necessary, just the will to learn, a hunger to explore and the desire for a monogamous relationship. Captain, 1001 Bridgeway, Box 428, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★9032.

**Anything Goes...**
GWM, 44, dark hair, beard, brown eyes, big-hearted Italian. Enjoy theater, music, movies, books, travel, kids, family, friends, food and fun. Looking for a grown-up relationship to add the needed romantic touch to a full and often happy life. I'm warm, sincere, communicative, passionate, strong, successful, healthy and generous. You're the same and want the same. And more. So let's be each other's great romancer. Reply BT Box JY108B or call ★★9033.

**Equal Opportunity Time-Share**
I'm an attractive artist (great kisser) looking for someone over 30 who's really smart, sexy, fit and friendly (I am) to share time with here and possibly in Australia during the winter or wherever else we both want to be. I'm not interested in being anyone's daddy, so if you're grown up, beautiful in body and soul, compassionate and clever, then let's get together. Reply BT Box JY109B or call ★★9034.

**Hey, There!**
Looking for a guy who likes to read and loves to dance, is playful in bed and gives good, um, massages. Yeah, that's it, massages. Right—if you're an attractive, affectionate, teddy-bear type with bright eyes and a warm smile, who is HIV-, educated and stable, I'd like to hear from you. Me: I'm same and 32, 5'8", 170#. I have hazel eyes, dark brown hair, and a handsome, well-trimmed beard and moustache. Your letter with recent photo gets mine in return. Thank you. Reply BT Box JY110B.

**I'm Not Asking For Much**
A house, a dog, a fire and a lover at my side. Maybe you can help? If you are seeking a long-term relationship, this bright and sincere brown-eyed professional is just the marrying kind. He's an attractive 34-year-old GWM, 5'10", 180 lbs., with a muscular build, very affectionate, and waiting to fall head over heels in love with a cute, dark-haired, dark-skinned (Latin?) guy, moderate to slender build, 23-30, who's ready to share both good times and bad. Reply BT Box JY111B or call ★★9035.

**El Ejercicio Hace Maestro**
Trim, mid-aged GWM, ojos morenos, dark hair, moustache and beard, bald on top, learned correct Spanish in college but never los mas interesante—las palabras de la calle. Would enjoy leisurely J/O sessions with muy amable politically out Latino guy who can teach me how to say prick, cocksucker, jerk-off, 69, pussy, cunt, tits, motherfucker, asshole, y los demas de tu barrio o pais. Ensename tu lengua mientras nos jugamos el uno con el otro? Call ★★9036.

**Downtown Afternoon J/O**
Financial district. Gray flannel suit? In-shape guy, mid-50s, sense of humor, dark moustache & beard, bald on top, slim build, nice equipment, seeks amiable tactile companionship with private location for long, leisurely, reciprocal J/O session leading to magic tension release. Don't be shy—it's a sure cure for loneliness. Enthusiasm and self-confidence as important as age or looks. Photo and phone please to PO Box 460305, SF 94146 or call ★★9037.

**Hey, Carrot Top! Check This Out...**
I'm a healthy, handsome, active, blond guy, in great shape, 6', 175 lbs., affectionate, unconventional, HIV-, with a sense of humor, seeking redheads for friendship and fun. You: communicative, healthy and emotionally articulate. Prefer lean or muscular my size. Me: into cycling, aerobic walking, cuddling, sleep-overs, hot safe sex and more; open to relationship... friend, sex buddy, boyfriend, lover, you name it. PO Box 882872, SF 94188 or call ★★9038.

**Santa Rosa/North Bay HIV-, 3-Ways**
Two white males seek third. We're early 50s, look 30s. Must be honest, sincere, no games, no one-nighters, clean, discreet, HIV-. Join us for fun in the sun. Weekends are best. Write: PO Box 282, Fulton 95439 or call ★★9039.

Gay/BiWM, 39, 5'6", 160, would like to meet another WM in shape, under 40, who, like me, is HIV+ (asymptomatic), lives in E. Bay, likes to spend lots of time outdoors away from cities, has a "straight" exterior, is not workaholic, has some free time, likes or doesn't mind beer & weed, values creativity & humor, isn't real conservative, is looking for someone to go places & do things with. Reply BT Box JY112B or call ★★9040.

**Attractive But Not Mistaken**
Foreign-born Asian, 26, in search of a good-looking and interesting person who can talk more than fashion, boyfriends, or complaints of life. Under 35 and good physical shape is requested. I guarantee you pleasant chat over a cup of coffee if you send me a good letter and photo. Reply BT Box JY113B.

**Woodshed Discipline**
By WM, 42, 5'10", 150, attractive, clean-cut, masculine, seeking similar but younger with boyish good looks. You need it badly. Am strict but caring, respect limits, willing to reverse for right guy. Inexperienced or curious OK. Talk it out. Not into role-playing or fantasy, but otherwise amenable. Reply BT Box JY114B or call ★★9041.

**A Clean, Well-Lighted Place**
For Books and pleasures. Single booklover, attractive, thirtysomething GWM, seeking to develop friendship (possible relationship) with GM, 28-45, based on common interests. Some

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of my interests include reading (from T.S. Eliot to Calvin & Hobbes), cuddling, long walks, quiet dinners, museums, art gallery, bookstore and antique shop browsing, music (mostly classical), movies, spirituality, history, architecture. Reply BT Box JY115B or call ★★9042.

**Above The Norm**
Complex/complicated Black male individualist values spirituality and humanistic development above all forms of carnal sexuality; yet, still desires mellow communication in and out of bed with appreciative, but not necessarily symbiotic similar. I'm 6'2", 185#. My passions and position are relative to yours. Call ★★9043.

**Mexican Men Read This!**
I can't believe that there are no husky, chunky, loveable, macho, monogamous, devoted, HIV-, drug-, alcohol- and smoke-free, bearded, moustached, 5'11" to 6' or more, 240 lbs. and up Mexican men out there who like Italians with the same as above! Where the hell are you? I'm yours! Call me or write me now! Reply BT Box JY116B or call ★★9044.

**Hairy Men**
Are the type I'm attracted to. I'm 36, good-looking, GWM, balding, beard, 6', 160, hairy and in-shape. I'm a romantic bottom who is honest, creative, fun yet stable. I offer a positive attitude, career and emotional stability. I have many personal interests as do you. If you want to share these attributes and offer them in return, contact me. This is not a one-nighter ad. Reply BT Box JY117B or call ★★9045.

**Vacuum Pumpers**
GWM, 30, 6', 165#, brown hair, green eyes, handsome, clean-cut, HIV-, hung big, looking for other GM, 20-40, smoke- & drug-free, fit, muscular, into pumping & stretching. (Novices welcome.) Call ★★9046.

**Cushioned For Pushin'**
... That's me! Fat GBM, 32, 5'8", NS, ND, HIV-, versatile bottom, great tits (I'm told), looking for thinner pusher. Me: shy at first, affectionate and talkative later. Into reading (comics, mysteries), music, comedy. You: GM, 30-45, 5'8" +, HIV-, Latin or white/pref. (just a preference) chubby to average, respectful, reciprocal, affectionate top. Sense of humor a must! Hung a +. Reply BT Box JY118B or call ★★9047.

**GWM Sought By Down-To-Earth Asian**
27, 5'6", slim, smooth, cute, enjoys good conversation, sex, movies, music, dancing, quiet times. You: GWM, under 43, professional, thin to well-built (hairy man welcome), nonsmoker, drug-free, social drinker fine, with easygoing personality. Please reply with detailed letter and photo or call. Reply BT Box JY119B or call ★★9048.

**Quand Il Me Prend Dans Ses Bras...**
Moi: Je suis Asiatique, 165 cm. J'ai trente et un ans. Vous: Un brave homme et un homme brave. Vous etes jeune mais distingue. Aimez-vous les arts, les fruits de mer ou les cervelles au beurre noir? Attractive GAM would like to meet decent, handsome GWM, 30s, for relationship and sharing all earthly delights. Please write with photo. Reply BT Box JY120B or call ★★9049.

**Three/Four-Way?**
Versatile GWM, 27, looking for other singles or a couple to have sensuous, safe sex with. Like me, you must be fit, HIV-, educated, caring, adventurous, non-sleazy and good-looking. Let's explore our fantasies. Reply BT Box JY121B.

**How About A Date?**
Good-looking BiWM wants dates/new friends. 5'9", 170#, hairy chest, s/p hair, blue eyes, HIV-, 52-yr.-old computer contractor. Looking for a few new men to date. True crime novels, garage sales, dancing, movies, and Bart Simpson are some of the things I enjoy. Prefer NS. (No boys looking for sugar daddies, please.) Photo/phone to Market St. Mail House, 2215-R Market St., #169, SF 94114 or call ★★9050.

**Black And White Blend**
Attractive Black-Italian GM seeks romantic, sensuous GWM for companionship. I'm 36 y.o., 6', husky (230#), hairy, blk hair/beard, HIV-, non-smoker, non-drinker. I like attractive, tall, beefy, masculine white men with fun personalities and creative interests. Should be nonsmoker, HIV-. Light drinker OK, but no drugs, please. Hairy bodies and big noses a plus! Reply BT Box JY122B or call ★★9051.

**Asians Only**
GWM, 29, 5'7", 150 lbs., seeks an athletic, masculine Asian, who is looking for a dating/possible relationship-minded person. I would like to meet someone who has some of the same interests as myself. I enjoy gym workouts, dining out, movies and just having a good time with someone. Call or write and let's see what happens. Reply BT Box JY123B or call ★★9052.

**Words Are Cheap**
**Actions Speak For Themselves**
If you are not enmeshed in this often flighty fruit-bowl/partyhat community we live in; chances are you can carry on an intelligent conversation in public or in bed. Somebody not lost in a world of bars, gyms, hair surgery and hot pants. My 411: 27, white, 5'11", 180, br/bl, professional with goals. Stable, independent, able to laugh at myself, to enjoy the Bay Area and beyond. Looking for someone 25-35, ht/wt proportionate, who has character and is heading somewhere... Reply BT Box JY124B or call ★★9053.

**ABC (Asians, Blacks, Caucasians)**
WM seeks same who, like myself, is clean, HIV-, no drugs, safe sex, considerate. Am slender, young at heart, mature, 5'8", 155, don't smoke (OK if you do), social drink. Smooth skin Asians are a turn-on, so are hung Blacks/Caucasians. Age/looks unimportant. P/P is possible; can travel. Married OK. I live near Oakland. PO Box 5294, Pleasanton 94566.

**East Bay Late Night Cock Obsession**
Masculine, aggressive Oaklander into strictly mutual heavy dirty talk, jerk-off, cock and ball worship, while drinking, smoking, partying, seeking other masculine, aggressive, night owl party animals. Age/looks unimportant. Not into videos, shaved, tits, ass, couples, quickies. Into long scenes with men equally obsessed with cocks/balls, talking & stroking. Call ★★9054.

**Tall And Slim**
41-year-old man, 6'4", 160, with beard and brown, thinning hair, would like to meet and make friends. Likes the coast, harness, boots/leather, thunderstorms, armpits and technology. Also appreciate canvas and rubber gear such as coveralls, turnouts and related uniforms. Walking in the rain, design and computer animation are other likes. Would like to visit your cabin in the woods. Reply BT Box JY125B.

**Gigantic**
That describes my fantasy man. He's very tall and large-framed and would make me feel kid sized! He'd pick me up, cradle me in his massive arms, let me climb all over him exploring and arousing his huge body. If you're my Paul Bunyan, my Amazing Colossal Man, and are seeking a cute, boyish, 34 y.o. little guy, 5'11", 165#, red/brown hair, a nice body and a beautiful cock, then write. Reply BT Box JY126B or call ★★9055.

**Castro Erotics?**
Looking for some good times and erotics among the rest of life's activities such as work; live music (mostly acoustic); movies; hiking; reading history, mysteries and sci-fi; and, of course, romance! GWM, 43 y.o., 5'4", 140#, blue-eyed, blond, living in the Castro area. Am healthy, HIV +, versatile in bed and enjoy same with a partner. How about a massage exchange to get acquainted or...? Please reply Reply BT Box JY127B or call ★★9056, expect a quick response.

**Something Is Missing**
GWM, youthful looking 45, attractive and secure with a comfortable lifestyle, good friends, pets and cultured interests (arts, music, film, romantic weekends, travel) is missing the intimacy and companionship of a younger man (GAM encouraged). You are self-aware and independent, yet missing the comfort and support available from someone mature; you are under 35, lean to muscular, and uniquely appealing. We both like kissing, hot J/O, safe fantasy, but are not into top/bottom roles. Your antibody status is unimportant, I'm healthy HIV +. Reply Boxholder #626, 584 Castro St, SF 94114 or call ★★9057.

**Looking For Mr. Right?**
Then I can't help you. I'm not perfect. Who is? I am muscular, 5'10", 170, really nice chest, 40, dark brown/blue, smart, bottom, inventive, music & pet lover, live in Noe Valley. You? Sensitive, smart, muscular, top—a bit dominant—age & race unimportant. The important thing is that you accept & love yourself, be kind to others & nourish your mind and soul. Call or write. It could be important for both of us. Reply BT Box JY128B or call ★★9058.

**Long-Term Relationship**
Both of us are caring, emotionally available, attractive, physically healthy, honest and spiritual (but without dogma). Me: GWM, 51, 5'10", 165#. You: probably somewhat younger but at least mid-30s. Also, I am often playful and am told I have a good sense of humor. Together we value and enjoy each other, laughter, massage, walks, talks and most especially each other's aliveness. Call ★★9059.

**Outdoorsman**
Looking for buddies to enjoy outdoor fun and bedroom adventures. I'm a good-looking GWM, 43, blond/gray/blue, 180 lbs., 6'1", hairy chest, healthy (neg.), and nonsmoker. Love to bike, hike, travel, cook, garden & explore. Not into bars, cologne, or "the scene." Independent-minded and follow my own beat, left-leaning and feminist. Your photo and letter gets mine! Thanks. Reply BT Box JY129B or call ★★9060.

**Kinky Party Guys**
Mid-30s, masculine, clean-cut GWM, looking for other party dudes into imaginative scenes, dominance/submission, bondage, sleaze, role-plays, fantasies, 3-ways, etc. Looking for opportunity to explore darker and hidden desires. Let me know what you're into and let's arrange for a hot time. Reply BT Box JY130B or call ★★9061.

**Need A Third Or Exceptionally Handsome?**
Among openly gay men, I'm exceptionally handsome, unusually masculine (natural), muscular and defined, with dark Mediterranean looks, moustache and gorgeous dick. I appear 30, 5'9", lean but buffed. Exclusively a top. I like basic sex and cuddling (where I'm more versatile) with unusually handsome (not boyish) oral men appearing 28 to 38 with toned/defined medium to stocky (not bearish) builds. Your location unimportant. Reply BT Box JY131B or call ★★9062.

**Do You Like To Laugh?**
I do. Me: 38, 5'10", 175, gray hair, blue eyes, glasses, ready smile, well-educated, good career, Midwestern values. Enjoy reading, laughing, movies, theater, Jeopardy, travel, burgers to Bechamel, outdoor and indoor sports. Interested in someone ±7 my age, who can laugh at the world and themselves, yet have the brains to evaluate it critically. If friendship first, then, if lucky, more, interests you, give a call. Call ★★9063.

**L'Invitation Au Voyage**
Con gusto we'll discover the romance of modern urban living, explore our sexy hot bods, and have, like, a totally awesome time, okay? This wild, bicultural, Asian-American boy, 29, seeks a fellow explorer, all races, 20s-mid-30s, clean-shaven, nonsmoking. We're both cute, brave, passionate, sincere, progressive and ready to sail on the trip of a lifetime... clothing optional! Reply BT Box JY132B or call ★★9064.

**Absolutely Dominant!**
BM, aggressive, opinionated, take charge bottom. Can screw too. Prefer those heavier, older, emotionally dependent types. You know who you are. Good safe sex, yes! Lots of affection, hugs, certainly. Me: 45, 5'9", 165. You: any race, any build. Photo, full name, address or no reply. A long-term offer is made here. Looks unimportant: obedience, loyalty, health, attitude are. No shy, closeted gays. PO Box 28283, Oakland 94604.

**Suit And Tie**
GWM, tall, 33, 195, professional, career-oriented, suit and tie lifestyle, wants to meet same, 28-45 years old, NS, ND, for friendship and possible relationship. You should be emotionally available and interested in art, theater, travel, talking and laughing. Call ★★9065.

**Friend, Companion, East Bay**
Active, healthy, masculine, 48-year-old, GWM, 5'7", 140#, HIV-, trim & fit, quiet, caring, honest, seeks similar friend/companion, Asian, Hisp., white, 25-45, my size or smaller, for sincere friendship, good times, warm cuddling. Reply BT Box JY133B or call ★★9066.

**A New Life**
GWM, 37, has left the professional fast lane to start life anew. I'm 5'10", 150#, average build, gray hair, cleanshaven, HIV + and healthy. I'm a moderate smoker and drinker who loves to talk but can also listen. I'm independent, employed and looking for a masculine top of similar characteristics, age 35-50. Hairy is a plus. A sharing relationship is worth working toward. If you're worth the effort, let's talk. Reply BT Box JY134B or call ★★9067.

**Time To Nest**
It's an active, successful life filled with hard work & play and plenty of boyfriends. Now it's time to settle down with an intelligent, upbeat man, 30s (?) with traditional values, progressive outlook, caring about his home. I'm prof. GWM, 5'9", 158, blond, HIV +, smoker, travelled, educated, stable. Both enthusiastic, cheerful, upscale, affectionate, oral, great kissers. If we make it in the bedroom first, the possibilities are myriad. Days OK. Reply BT Box JY135B or call ★★9068.

**Rare Breed**
I'm a tall, well-built, blue-eyed hunk with short salt and pepper hair and moustache, but that is beside the point. I'm 41, well-hung, mostly top, smoke-/drug-free, HIV +, enjoy outdoors, good food and conversation. I don't care for the bars and clubs and almost never go. I'm liberal, fairly well-educated, creative and love to travel. I'm looking for someone who might be open to a relationship other than a one-nighter. I have a lot of time to myself these days and it would be nice to have someone special share that time. It would be great if you were handsome, muscular and well-hung, too, but I am a realist in these areas. However, big arms and big dicks are certainly welcome. Photo and letter gets mine. SF to the North Bay. Reply BT Box JY136B.

**Move Me:**
I'm disillusioned, but not bitter, about the SF gay scene. I don't fit into any of the stereotypical categories: Colossus narcissists, Pacific Heights elitists, or Cafe Flore pseudo-bohemians. I'm a GWM, HIV-, very attractive (ex-model with classic chiseled features), sandy blond hair, blue/green eyes, 5'9", 140 lbs., (aerobics and the gym keep me in very good shape). I possess a doctoral degree, am bright, introspective, communicative, and impassioned with my life and vocation. I love art, architecture, food, travel, beaches, the ocean and sunshine; I'm as comfortable in the midst of the city as with being in the high Sierras. I am a little shy at first. So please don't misinterpret this as arrogance. I can get pretty wild once you get to know me. I know you're out there: a sexy, very attractive, cleanshaven, GWM, under 40, HIV-, athletic, in good shape, with a full head of hair, unaffected, self-confident and honest with yourself and others. You're compelled to express your feelings to those you love as you're absorbed with what you do for a loving, are solvent and want others to understand how happy your life makes you. Most importantly, you want to work toward creating a home with someone like me who you can share with your family and friends. Take a chance, move me, jot down some thoughts on a piece of paper and send me your photo. Reply BT Box JY137B or call ★★9069.

**Muscle Bear**
I'm 5'8", 185#, with broad shoulders, hairy chest, 32" waist and arms that love to hold another muscled or muscular man (any size or height). I'm bald, bearded, blue eyes behind glasses and late 30s. Many interests/activities; I enjoy my job, workouts and dancing (Pleasuredome, Rawhide, Pit). Whether defined or beefy, if you would like to try a connection, photo/letter to: PO Box 14591, SF 94114 or call ★★9070.

**Believe In Magic?**
We met Gay Pride Day at Badlands. G., you were wearing a Magic Johnson T-shirt. You were showing your brother around, so we didn't connect. As I left the bar we embraced and kissed. That Magic lingers on. Reply BT Box JY138B or call ★★9071.

**Creative Man Of Consciousness**
Great sense of humor, almost a daddy (+), in shape, schooled in visual arts, heart of a cynic/romantic. Looking for companion, inspiration, sweaty cuddle bunny, someone to shave my back. Drawn to men under 5'10" but creative sensibility, healthy outlook, poetic spirit more important. Some leather, sure, a warm summer night, listen, listen to your heart beat. Call ★★9072.

**This Is Your Last Chance**
I'm tired of seeing ads in print & crawling through the muck of awkward blind dates. Yeech! QBM, 30, 5'9", 140 lbs., cynical, fun, hot blooded, and of independent thought, seeks guys under 40 (I'm 31) for S-E-X. If you are not a status fag and have a brain and are a human being, then I wanna do you. If you're a member of the New Gay Right or would not shop at a second hand store, keep on reading. Reply BT Box JY139B or call ★★9073.

**Pleasanton Area**
If you find David Copperfield and Bob Sagett attractive, give their 6'5", 37-yr.-old look-alike a call. I enjoy roller blading, exercising, hiking, and am relationship oriented. I am seeking someone similar. Call ★★9074.

**Hispanics**
How many of you are out there? This 45 y.o. GWM, 5'10", 150 lbs., healthy, HIV-, wants to meet you! I am educated, professional, affectionate and caring. Interests: horseback riding, tennis, bicycling, contemplating and others. Reply BT Box JY140B or call ★★9075.

**Smart, Funny And Available**
Very handsome, professional, GWM, 38, 6', 185, blue eyes, brown hair, HIV-, nonsmoker/drugs. Witty, kind, compassionate, creative, adventuresome, passionate, honest and independent. Enjoy walking, bicycling, hiking, travel, film, art, good food, personal growth and people watching. Interested in romance leading to long-term relationship. If you have a lot of the same qualities and are close to the same age, healthy and fit and know the difference between a thought and a feeling, send letter with photo (exchange). Reply BT Box JY141B.

**A Real Southern Gentleman**
This spiritually balanced soul from the South is finally seeking a soulmate and playmate. At 47, I'm 5'9", 145, NS, trim, masculine, athletic, compassionate, br/gr, great smile, happy, successful, professional, sincere, versatile, HIV-, tennis, ski, moustache, theater, music, Giants, passionate, travel, job, with much, much to share. You are probably 30-50, similar interests, content with your life but looking for more—friendship first—trust your intuition. Reply BT Box JY142B.

**Say It Like It Is!**
I'm a GWM, handsome, medium build, good shape, not gym-toned, 6', 182, crewcut, grayish blond, hazel eyes, glasses/contacts, moustache, occasional beard, usually tanned, 52 yrs. old (but look 40ish), masculine, sexy, mature, self-employed decorator/maintenance, UC, endowed, most comfortable in 501s & tank-tops, moderate drinker, nonsmoker (doesn't bother if you do), HIV- (being positive doesn't frighten me from repliers), very healthy, high energy level, not drug-oriented, hopeless romantic, adventurous, hot kisser, oral fixated, sensitive/caring, intelligent, sense of humor, fun guy, community leader seeking time for himself after years of services, recently single, sincere-honest, multi-varied intersts—leather, 49ers, outdoors, beach walks, easy music, good TV, quiet times, exploring, simplified surroundings, movies and new experiences. Future outlook/goal—date-friendships, romance-hot times, sex with touch & warmth-feelings, a lover/partner, see what develops... few requirements... GWM/GBM, 35-55, rugged handsomeness, masculine, good body, similar height, must be romantic, mutual sexuality, adventurous, sincere, perhaps a beard, hairy chest, sparkling bedroom eyes, a loving smile, animal lover, a good kisser. As you can see I have a lot to offer. If the above lights a certain interest please reply with current photo (will return), letter appreciated. All will be answered! What have you got to lose? If you're honest about yourself and say it like it is as I have done, your reward is meeting the man above! Reply BT Box JY143B.

Are you left of center, politically aware, socially conscious, do you find life to be an intense experience, do relationships bring purpose to your life? I am a 45 y.o., healthy, attractive man who values his friends, children, work and life itself. My interests include discussing political and social issues, theater, dancing, and staying physically and emotionally fit. I am looking for friendship and potential relationship, where I can explore who I am and what life is all about. If interested please reply BT Box JY144B or call ★★9076.

**American Male Seeks Same**
Very handsome (honestly), straight-acting, college graduate, working professional, brown/blue, 5'8", 150 lbs., cleanshaven, 27 years old, nice build. I like bicycling, working out, camping, downhill skiing and snowboarding. (OK, OK, so it's midsummer!) I also enjoy art museums, dancing, movies, shopping occasionally, hunting for used CDs, cafes, walking or jogging on the beach, hand holding. I'm looking for an attractive, shy (?), suburban-type guy, 25-35, with similar interests who is drug-, smoke- and HIV-free, like myself, for friendship and possible romance. Please reply with letter and photo (returned) to: BW, PO Box 190271, SF 94119-0271.

Recipes for relationships just cannot be written down. But maybe someday I will discover one that even my Mom (a fabulous cook) cannot resist. The sophistication of the menu is less important than the quality of the ingredients and intent with which the meal is served. For myself, keeping it simple works really well. I do not use any artificial additives or sweeteners and the only thing I smoke is chicken. I am not necessarily gourmet in my tastes, but I do appreciate and return sincerity, openness and willingness. My basic recipe begins with me: Asian, 37, 5'10", 155#, and whatever you interpret from above. What ingredients can you add? Reply BT Box JY145B or call ★★9077.

**Fremont Massage Exchange**
A safe & warm massage helps balance your


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energy. GAM, 37, 5'10", 143#, HIV-, average looks, discreet & sincere. Looking for a spiritual & loving person who lives close to Fremont & is near my age. No experience needed. Weight proportional to height; no clumsy hand. Call ★★9078.

**You Too?**
Traditional, masculine GWM hopes to meet and date other men who believe that sexual preference shouldn't color every aspect of your life. I'm independent, self-confident and very together, and would like to connect with one special guy. I'm attracted to intelligent people who can hold their own. I like running, hiking, spending time outdoors, quiet moments with good friends and family, time by myself. Good food, thick books, vigorous conversation, and humorous antics make life interesting. I'm down-to-earth, handsome, dark hair/eyes, professional, 28, 5'11", 155#, believe in monogamy, and don't smoke. Please reply, photo appreciated but not necessary. Reply BT Box JY146B or call ★★9079.

**Friendship Or Romance**
Nice-looking, affectionate, romantic GWM, 36, 6', 165 lbs., seeks new friends. I'm intelligent, well-educated, well-travelled, with a successful scientific career and my own SF home. Interests include travel, beaches, gardening, movies, music, food. I have a short beard, short brown hair with tail, hairy, uncut, HIV-. About you: 28-42, decent shape, good heart, successful, nonsmoker, light drinker, honest, versatile. Ultimately seeking long-term relationship, but let's just have fun and see where it leads. Send letter and photo to PO Box 31924, SF 94131-0924 or call ★★9080. Photo returned with one of mine.

**Daddy's Boy Wanted**
GWJ 40s top, 155, 5'7", balding, moustache, NS, ND, lite doper, HIV-, cut, good shape, run and aerobics, great kisser, sensual, spiritual, great feeder to a daddy's boy with facial hair, under 5'10", who likes to take care of his daddy in and out of Levis and wants an ongoing relationship. Daddy is waiting for your call. Reply BT Box JY147B or call ★★9081.

**Masculine Italian**
6'2", dark hair & eyes, husky build, young 40s, smoker, good-looking, moustache, hairy chest, healthy HIV+. Good positive outlook on life. Possess an inner adventurous child. Down-to-earth type. Successful. Seeking a slim, masculine man who is uncomplicated, happy, tolerant, versatile & romantic. A few of my interests include traveling, remodeling, carpentry, gardening, socializing & fast cars. Possible monogamous relationship. Reply: 1547 Palos Verdes Mall, #170, Walnut Creek 94596-2228 or call ★★9082.

**Man For All Seasons**
Very good-looking, masculine, bl/bl, 6'1", 180, athletic, 30-yr.-old, outdoor enthusiast. Looking for dating/relationship with man 25-45, who's solid & comfortable with self. Interests: ocean, walks, moutains, 4x4 extended weekends, snow, kink, scuba, cooking, sex, clouds, evenings at home, cycling, arts, w/o, rain, cuddling, trust, lakes, HIV+, partnership, imagination, stars, optimism, romance, honesty. Lost life partner of ten years. Ready to share again. Photo please (will return). Reply BT Box JY148B or call ★★9083.

# We Won't Rest Until You Are Satisfied Socially

## Next Deadline for All Ads: July 24 for July 30

### How To Respond to a "Call Star" Personal Ad

**CALL 1-900-844-2-GAY.** Using a Touch-Tone phone, you can reply to any ad that has "Call ★★" with a Call Star Extension number. This is your chance to hear the advertiser's voice! Call their extension and leave a personalized message, or see if this sounds like an advertiser you'd like to write to. It's almost as easy as leaving a message on a friend's answering machine. And the advertiser gets your message immediately.

**FOLLOW THE EASY INSTRUCTIONS** when you call. You can either enter the Call Star Extension of a specific ad that interests you, or you can browse through a variety of greetings and respond to any or all of them. Select the ads you wish to leave messages for and record your responses. Be sure to include your telephone number and the best times to call. Calls cost 96 cents per minute and will appear on your monthly telephone bill.

### How To Get a "Call Star" Voice Mail Box

**IT'S SIMPLE AND FREE!!** You'll automatically get a free voice mail box with your personal ad unless you check the box below. You'll receive a letter from us with your Call Star extension and your secret password, as well as detailed instructions on how to use the system. Remember: recording your greeting and retrieving your messages are **FREE.**

### How To Reply by Mail to a SF Bay Times Personal Ad

**SEND IN YOUR LETTERS:** If the advertiser has a BT Reply Box, send your reply to Bay Times Personals, 288 7th Street, SF 94103. In the lower left hand corner of the envelope place the box number (not the Call Star Extension!) you are answering. Mail boxes remain open for two months; i.e. this issue's ads may be answered through Aug. 4. Voice mail boxes remain open for four weeks.

### How To Pick Up Your Written Replies

**BT REPLY BOX MAIL PICK-UP:** You may pick up your mail Monday through Friday from 1-6pm. If you do not have your own P.O. Box, you must get a BT mail box. Feel free to call us during the regular pick-up hours to find out if you have mail, and please limit your calls to these hours! *You must bring picture I.D. to pick up your mail at the office.*

**MAIL BOXES REMAIN ACTIVE FOR 2 MONTHS**
**VOICE MAIL BOXES REMAIN ACTIVE FOR FOUR WEEKS**
**MAIL WILL BE FORWARDED WEEKLY**

**QUESTIONS?** Call the SF Bay Times office at (415) 626-8121 and ask for Greta.

**SUGGESTED AD CATEGORY (Check One):** ☐ Women ☐ Men ☐ Bisexual ☐ Social Groups ☐ Shared Interests

**HEADLINE:** _____

**TEXT:** _____

_____ ☐ **Reply Bay Times Mail Box**

**Total # of Words:** _____

☐ Enclose $10 up to 70 words . . . . . $10.00
☐ Enclose 15 cents per word **over** 70 words:
____ words × 15 cents equals . . . . . _____
☐ Enclose $7 for Reply Mail Box . . . . . _____
☐ Enclose $11 for Reply Mail Box and Mail Forwarding . . . . . _____

**COST OF ONE INSERTION** . . . . . _____
_____ Number of insertions:
Multiply by cost of one insertion for total cost of ad . . . . . _____
Discount for 3 or more insertions: subtract 10% of total cost of ad . . . _____

**ENCLOSED TOTAL COST OF AD, INCLUDING ANY DISCOUNTS:** $_____

**Name** _____

**Address** _____

**City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

**Phone (weekdays)** _____ **(eves)** _____

☐ Check here if it's OK to leave a message on your answering machine if we need to contact you
☐ Check here if you do NOT want a free voice mail box

You may stop by the office at the below address to fill out a coupon. **We cannot take personals by phone, nor can we accept anonymous ads. All information will be kept confidential.**

**Mail Coupon To:**
SF Bay Times Personals
288 7th Street, SF, CA 94103

**NEXT DEADLINE:**
**FRIDAY, JULY 24**

**WORD COUNTS/PRICE INFO:** 'A,' 'and,' 'the,' zip codes, PO Boxes, etc. should all be included in your word counts. There are no refunds for ads. If there is an error in your ad which substantially affects the value of the ad, we will issue you a credit to rerun the ad. If you have submitted an ad which does not fall within our editorial guidelines and we are unable to notify you, we will issue a credit to run a different ad.

**ADVERTISING GUIDELINES** In placing an ad, you must not use names, telephone numbers or street addresses. The San Francisco Bay Times hopes that you will submit ad copy in keeping with our general editorial policies. Ads should stress those qualities the advertiser finds compatible rather than target specific lifestyles, races or other aspects in a negative manner. We understand the difference between discrimination and personal preference. If your ad does not fall within the realm of our guidelines, we may notify you and allow you to make the necessary alterations. We reserve the right to edit ads. We reserve the right to reject any ad whatsoever.

Remember: speech isn't as free on the telephone as it is in the newspaper. Government regulations forbid the "F-word" recorded on phone lines and other such direct communication. Have fun but be sensible.

**Bondage Novice**
I've waited too long to pursue my fantasies of bondage: tying up and being tied up with ropes and other restraints. Wanting to learn the ropes of mutual bondage in a safe setting with other gay males. I'm a tad over 6 feet and a heavyset white male. Age and race not important. Limits respected, but occasionally should be pushed. No drugs; safe and sane only. All letters and photos reciprocated. Reply BT Box JY149B.

**Two Dates For k.d. lang**
Bi woman and gay man. The show's on us if dinner's on you. She's 5', 100#, 35 yrs., brown hair, eyes, performer, swimmer; likes "tall, dark, handsome," artsy women and men. He's 6'2", 185#, 39 yrs., brown hair, blue eyes, moustache; likes medium height, dark-haired, stocky, straight-acting men. Woo & win today. Call ★★9084.

**Mishima, I'm Not**
But a love samurai poet—or would you believe a Siddhartha meditating by the river—naaah. How about a Zen Freud and the Art of Japanese Lovemaking? ... Actually, I'm early 40s Asian male, gym-toned, cleanshaven and kind. Call me and I'll let you know who I am today—or tomorrow. Reply BT Box JY150B or call ★★9085.

**Asian/Summer Lover**
Handsome Chinese-American, 32, 6', 165#, HIV-, clean-cut, professional, seeks GAM or GWM, 25-40, to enjoy the summer together, possibly leading to long-term relationship. I enjoy jogging, traveling, dining out, going to movies and plays, and spending romantic evenings together. If you share similar interests, please reply by writing (photo appreciated) or calling. Reply BT Box JY151B or call ★★9086.

**Military Guys**
Navy, Army, military stationed at Treasure Island, Alameda or Oakland. East Bay GWM, 38, 5'9", 155 lbs., brn/blue, good-looking, hot mouth and hard rod wants to get together with military guys. First timers fine. A party for two—safe play. (I am HIV-.) Frustration released. Call ★★9087.

**Catholic American Prince**
Seeks knight. Attractive, intelligent, masculine, Italian-looking male, w/dark hair and eyes, 28 yrs., HIV-, seeks masculine, attractive, HIV-, well-endowed topman, who is financially secure, enjoys travel, movies and adventure, for possible relationship. Reply BT Box JY152B or call ★★9088.

**31, Looking For An 8.0**
I'm not looking for a perfect 10.0. I would enjoy dating someone who is an 8.0 in a lot of ways—emotionally, intellectually and physically. A man of any race/ethnicity who, like me, values cultural diversity and multicultural awareness. I am a highly intelligent and warm Italian-Ukranian-American. Current interests include multiculturalism, psychology, volleyball and walking. From my Ukranian side, I have a strong husky football player's build; from my Italian side, deep romantic eyes with dark hair and moustache. Photo optional. Reply BT Box JY153B.

**Uncut Playmates Wanted**
Hot, horny, handsome GWM, 40, brn/blue, 155 lbs., edible body. I am an aggressive guy who couldn't be happier with his life, except for the erotic/sexual side. I am looking for uncut playmates who are into having long, safe, highly erotic, imaginative playtimes where your skin will cry out for more. You should be uncut, 25-50 yrs., a progressive GWM, new European, or modern Hispanic. Mutual satisfaction guaranteed. Listen to the message. Call ★★9089.

**Bearded, Balding, Hot & Hairy**
45-yr.-old GWM, 5'8", 182 lbs., HIV-, sensual, friendly top with a great sense of humor and inner strength. Possibly the best kisser west of the Rockies. Seeking an honest, vulnerable, HIV- for long, hot, passionate, animal sex, preceded & followed with heavy cuddling. You in my arms; your eyes look up at me; I hold you very tightly; we sigh! Must like dogs. Race not important. Call ★★9090.

**Send Me An Angel**
Do you believe in heaven above...? QWM, 24, 6'5", 180#, long brown hair, gray eyes, smooth, seeks very intelligent GM, 20-30, for companionship. I'm sharp, comic, Catholic, crazy and sincere. I like history, language, religion, politics, current affairs, dining, dancing, long walks under the full moon, cards (hearts, anyone?), movies, 105.3 FM, and long conversations in cafes (or anyplace else). I'm especially attracted to tall, hairy guys, but a winning smile and a compassionate, communicative spirit matters most. Definite turn-offs are smoking, drugs, drag, kink, hairless, overweight and New Age. Answer my prayer. Reply BT Box JY154B.

**Heart And Soul**
Physically active, trim, professional, Asian, 43, 5'9", seeks a similar gym-toned, altruistic WM for sharing eclectic experiences and being an adventurous companion. We enjoy ethnic foods, cultural arts, travel, camping, gardening, films, sports, workouts and humorous to intellectual conversations. With sincerity and sensitivity, we are capable of developing a relationship through mutual bonding based on our masculinity and maturity. Respond to PO Box 27042, SF 94127 or call ★★9091.

**Erotic By Nature**
These tanned nipples are waiting to be nibbled. A pair of buns are waiting for your bite! Got the gist—in the drift. This real hot, healthy, HIV-, 43-yr.-old GWM, brn/blue, 5'9", 157, firm, tight and versatile. This professional guy doesn't hang out and carries no bad attitudes. Looking for another fellow to go out with, get down with and have some mutual fun. How is my tongue? Call ★★9092.

# OUTLINE

Exclusive to the SF Bay Times

# 415-989-9999

**HOW DOES IT WORK?**

Easy! Just call (415) 989-9999 (this is a local San Francisco call) and follow the recorded instructions. Use the Advertisers' Menu to find out more about the services and events offered by *SFBT* advertisers. Use the *SF Bay Times* Menu for a wide variety of information and entertainment offered by the *SF Bay Times*. Or use the OutLine advertisers' list for direct access to specific advertisers' messages.

**QUESTIONS?**

Call Greta at the *SF Bay Times*, (415) 626-8121, Monday through Friday, 10 am-6 pm.

**Advertisers' Menu**

1. Restaurants, Bars and Clubs
2. Travel
3. Shopping
4. Business Services
5. Health Services
6. Home Services
7. Other Services
8. Events
9. Community Groups and Services

***SF Bay Times* Menu**

1. Calendar
2. Opinion Poll
3. About the *SF Bay Times*
4. Referrals to Hotlines, Switchboards and Resources
5. *SF Bay Times* Weird Thought of the Day
6. Ggreg Taylor's Hot Picks of the Week
7. New Queer in Town? Here's what you need to know!
8. Our Opinion on Burning Issues of the Day

**This Issue's Opinion Poll Question:**
**Do you think the lesbian/gay/bisexual community should consolidate around the Clinton/Gore Presidential ticket?**

To register your opinion, call OutLine and press 3 for the *SF Bay Times* Menu.

**Last Issue's Opinion Poll Question:**
**Should the lesbian/gay/bisexual community be involved in the fight for abortion rights? Results:**

**Yes: 81.67%** **No: 16.67%**
**No Opinion: 1.67%**

**FREE**

# Outline Advertisers and Box Numbers

Here are our current OutLine advertisers and their OutLine box numbers. If you want to hear an advertiser's message, just call OutLine at 989-9999, press 2 at the main menu, and enter their box number. That's it! (Note: If you want to hear the messages of all advertisers in a particular category, press 1 at the main menu and follow instructions from there.)

**AIDS Health Care**
APP ..... Box 5200

**Alternative Healing**
Donald Currie ..... Box 5300
Briahn Kelly-Brennan ..... Box 5302
Jill Togawa ..... Box 5301

**Arts/Crafts/Gifts**
Afikomen ..... Box 3701
Earthtones ..... Box 3704
Great Frame-Up ..... Box 3700
J.J. Taylor's Pueblo ..... Box 1700
Off Your Dot ..... Box 3702
Soho ..... Box 3703

**Auto Repair**
Automotion ..... Box 6800

**Bars/Clubs**
Ace Cafe ..... Box 1100
Colors United ..... Box 1302
Ziggurat ..... Box 1300

**Bodywork**
Jill Togawa ..... Box 5301

**Books**
Afikomen ..... Box 3101
Old Wives' Tales ..... Box 3100

**Cars**
S & C Ford: Karen Ranes ..... Box 3500

**Clinics**
Lyon-Martin ..... Box 5400

**Clothes**
Penguin Sportswear ..... Box 3200

**Conferences/Workshops**
LoveWorks ..... Box 8502

**Cruises**
Lenci Cruise & Travel ..... Box 2301
Alex Martinez/Orion Travel ..... Box 2302

**Desktop Publishing**
ZesTop ..... Box 4700

**Erotic Entertainment**
Tomboy Brand, Inc. ..... Box 7400

**Financial**
Stacey Chan/I.D.S. ..... Box 4202
Laurie Manuel:
Alternative Mortgage ..... Box 4200
Joel Renard:
Prudential Insurance ..... Box 4201

**Fitness/Body Improvement**
Vitamin Research Products ..... Box 5800

**Hair & Beauty Care**
587 Castro ..... Box 7202
Lynette Lane ..... Box 7201

**Home Furnishings**
Amenities ..... Box 3400
Comfort Connection ..... Box 3402
Off Your Dot ..... Box 3401

**Insurance**
Joel Renard:
Prudential Insurance ..... Box 4201

**Locks/Security**
Crawford Lock Service ..... Box 6400

**Massage/Bodywork**
Johnny ..... Box 5601

**Music Stores**
Record Rack ..... Box 3301
Streetlight Music ..... Box 3300

**Music Events**
Redwood Cultural ..... Box 8100

**Nurseries/Florists**
JBC Gardens ..... Box 7500

**Out-of-Town Events**
Ziggurat ..... Box 1300

**Photography**
Michael Loeb Photography ..... Box 7100

**Special Events**
Sacramento AIDS Foundation ..... Box 8600

**Real Estate**
Steve Biasatti:
Glenview Realty ..... Box 4404
Kim Bovard:
Coldwell Banker ..... Box 4403
Herth Realty ..... Box 4401
Laurie Manuel:
Alternative Mortgage ..... Box 4200
Janet Kaplan:
Winters Real Estate ..... Box 4402

**Resorts/Inns/Hotels**
Million Dollar Houseboat ..... Box 2200

**Restaurants**
Ace Cafe ..... Box 1100
Diamond Street Restaurant ..... Box 1101

**Social/Cultural/Community Groups**
BACW ..... Box 9300

**Special Events**
Old Wives' Tales ..... Box 8601

**Theater Events**
Theatre Rhinoceros ..... Box 8200

**Therapy/Counseling**
Marcia Baum ..... Box 5100
Ron Fox ..... Box 5102
Thomas Kelem ..... Box 5101

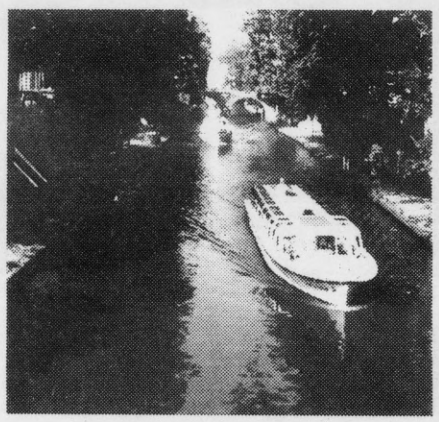
**Travel Agents**
Council Travel ..... Box 2102
Lenci Cruise & Travel ..... Box 2100
Alex Martinez/Orion Travel ..... Box 2101
Travel Connection ..... Box 2103
Winship Travel ..... Box 2104

# The Netherlands.

## An All-Out Welcome.

Wide Smiles. Sincere greetings. From people who respect your choices. And are especially glad you've chosen to visit them.

❧ **Far-out Shopping** Vintage, designer, off-beat. Department stores, markets, boutiques, hidden treasures. Why do you think we diverted all of that water? ❧ **Camping Out** Well, not exactly. Full-service, luxury accommodations from 17th-century inns to intimate gay hotels. All budgets welcomed. All satisfied. ❧ **Out Art** The Homo-monument in Amsterdam. A tribute to thousands of gays and lesbians who lost their lives during the Holocaust. ❧ **Going Out** Coffee shops and bars for casual mixing. Dance clubs for serious mingling. Hip-hop, acid house, Top 40. *No clogs, please.* ❧ **In and Out** Seven U.S. gate-ways make it a snap to get in on Martinair Holland. All points out of Amsterdam are a short drive in a Eurodollar Rent-A-Car.



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